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REDS PLAN HAINAN INVASION

Stage set for amphibious assault on island BORING FROM WITHIN

Hoihow, Hainan Island, December 27.

The victorious completion of the Communists' campaign on the mainland of China has set the stage for the amphibious invasion of Hainan island. Preparations for the attack are going ahead at full speed.

Christmas Day tragedy in Stanley Bay

One woman and three children were drowned and another child declared missing, presumably dead, when a junk, No. 1403A, capsized in Stanley Bay, opposite Wong Ma Kok Castle on Christmas Day.

Shortly after the accident occurred, Leung Fung-lee, owner of the junk, made a report to the police and asked for help. He told the police that his wife and his four children went down with the junk.

When police rescuers reached the junk yesterday, two girls and one boy, the youngest four months old, were found dead in the cabin. The other, a boy, was still missing.

Mao, Stalin conferring on Pact

Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Communist People's Central Government, has been discussing a 21-clause Friendship Pact with Marshal Stalin at Moscow, says the independent vernacular "Wah Kiu Yat Po".

Quoting diplomatic circles in Taipei, the newspaper said that the most important feature of the pact is mutual military assistance should either nation be subjected to attack from outside.

The "Wah Kiu Yat Po" said that in addition to mutual military assistance, Mr. Mao Tse-tung and Marshal Stalin also discussed Communist China's foreign relations.

Communist China's diplomatic relations with other countries, it added, are to be coordinated with Moscow's.

The Friendship Pact also includes an economic chapter, and the newspaper said the main features of the pact are joint Sino-Soviet exploitation of Manchuria's natural resources; Soviet technicians for the direction of the operation of railways and communications, and exchange of students.

The military chapter includes provision for equipping some 15 Chinese divisions with modern Soviet arms and mechanized equipment, and the attachment of Soviet military advisers in the Chinese Communist forces.

GRENADE THROWN IN BARIA CINEMA

Saigon, December 27.—Two French soldiers were killed and a French officer's wife and 16 Vietnamese citizens were injured by a handgrenade thrown by a terrorist in a cinema at Baria, South East of Saigon on Christmas night.—Reuters.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a deepening depression centred over central Japan is moving rapidly NW. A trough extends SW from it to the Luzon Strait and thence across the China Sea to Hainan. Pressure is high over China to the W. of the trough and over the Pacific to the E. A shallow tropical depression is centred about 250 miles S of Southern Mindanao, probably moving slowly Westwards.

Today's Forecast—Light or moderate S. winds, fair to fine, morning haze.

Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum: 69.8 deg. F.
Minimum: 52.2 deg. F.
Sunshine: 4.5 hours.

Forecast for 24 hours ending Jan. 1—
Rainfall Nil. Total since Jan. 1—
1997.3 mm.—22.67 ins. as against an average of 2185.0 mm.—86.41 ins.

Summary of weather at 10 a.m. Jan. 1—
Rain: at m.s.l. 1000.0 to 1015.0 m.h.
Humidity: 80.1% to 80.8% (normal)
Rel. Humidity: 80.1% to 80.8%
Dir. Wind: 10 to 15 deg. F.
Wind Direction: 10 to 15 deg. F.
Wind Force: 10 to 15 deg. F.
Tides—
High: 11.0 to 11.5
Low: 5.0 to 5.5

Earthquake in Japan

Tokyo, December 27.—A new light earthquake shook Niigata Prefecture, in North-West Honshu, at 11:43 a.m. local time, but meteorological experts said it had no connection with yesterday's severe tremors. No damage was reported.

The new quake was followed by another and weaker tremor at 7:10 p.m.

Today's two quakes, however, apparently had done no serious damage to property.

Meanwhile, snow fell on 1,600 homeless persons in Tochi Prefecture—most of them in Imabetsu which suffered the brunt of yesterday's quake—as Japanese welfare agencies rushed food and blankets to the worst stricken areas.

Roads were still cut at seven places, five power stations had broken down and 440 homes destroyed or damaged.—United Press.

Reds entering Chengtu

Pro-Communist Press in Hong Kong yesterday claimed that all Nationalist resistance outside Chengtu had collapsed and that formal entry to the city by the People's Liberation Army was expected late last night or early this morning.

The Nationalists ordered the evacuation of all non-essential Government departments from Hoihow to Yulin, 250 miles to the South-West. The evacuation is to be completed by January 1.

Chinese reports from Canton yesterday said that the Communists are regrouping 500,000 troops for the amphibious attack on Hainan Island.

Units are being transferred from different parts of South China to the Luchow Peninsula, opposite Hainan Island.

Other reports said that the Communists have started requisitioning craft near Kwong-chow, apparently in preparation for the amphibious assault.

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Father Christmas visits hospital



Father Christmas brings a touch of Christmas cheer to the children's ward of Queen Mary hospital. Each child was presented with a small present, and had a personal talk with Santa Claus.

Company taking action to end free tram rides

The Hong Kong Tramways Limited are expected to take positive action today to end the free rides on their trams that their workers have been generously giving the public, at the Company's expense, since Christmas Eve.

A stern warning is understood to have been given to the workers by the Company, through their solicitors, on Christmas Day, placing the entire responsibility on the workers for any action that the Company may be forced to take as the result of the men's action in not accepting fares from passengers.

The men, it was understood, have been reminded that they are paid servants of the Company, and should be aware of the consequences of a dereliction of duty.

Following receipt of the letter the workers held a mass meeting on Sunday night, at which more than 1,000 men were present, and a resolution was passed that as long as the Company refused to accede to the men's demand they would continue their "no collection of fare" policy.

Management informed Representatives of the workers called on the management on Monday morning and informed them of the workers' decision.

The tramway workers started their "no fare collection" tactics on Christmas Eve, following failure of the management to accede to their ultimatum, which expired at 5 a.m. on Saturday, demanding payment of a HK\$3-a-day extra allowance.

The workers decided on this course of action, instead of a general walk-out, as it was thought that dislocating a public utility service would alienate public sympathy for their cause.

It was also thought that this would force the hand of the management to make the first move in dispute.

The loss of revenue to the Company as a result of the men's action must have been enormous, though the exact figure could not be ascertained.

During the four-day free-ride campaign, the tramway men were extremely courteous to passengers, and they did everything possible to control the huge crowds seeking free rides.

Pickets were placed at the stopping places, and waiting passengers were queued up. Only the same number of people were allowed to board the tram as those who had alighted, to prevent overcrowding.

This action on the part of the pickets also gave bona fide passengers an opportunity of getting on the trams instead of leaving to the joy-riders to monopolize both the upper and lower decks, as was the case during Saturday and Sunday.

"First Class" passengers Perhaps for the first time in the history of the Colony the upper decks were found to be occupied mostly by dirty dressed coolies and others crawling on the floor.

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Booby trap explosion in Perak cemetery

Singapore, December 27.—Two men and a ten-year-old boy, all Chinese, were killed and 20 people injured when a booby trap exploded today during a funeral service at Ipoh cemetery, Perak.

The explosion occurred at the graveside, during the burial of Madam Au Joo, mother of President Chuan Chee of the Perak Chinese Mining Association.

Leading members of the Perak Chinese community were among the wounded.—Reuters.

HK inspector in border incident

Chinese Communist police in Shataukok forcibly held a Hong Kong police inspector in Chinese territory last Sunday afternoon.

Two Hong Kong Chinese police constables crossed the Chinese border marker in Shataukok village, and wrested the European inspector free from the Communists.

It is understood that the European officer was on a routine inspection of the border zone village, and was walking down the international street when the Communist police accused him of being in Chinese territory.

After a short dispute, the two Communists took the inspector into Chinese territory.

Two Chinese constables freed the inspector from the Communists almost immediately.

Within 10 minutes after the inspector's release, army troops and police reinforcements converged at Tai Po police station; however, no further incidents took place.

Last Sunday's dispute was the first reported incident since the Chinese Communist forces occupied the New Territories Chinese border zone two months ago.

An official at Tai Po Police station confirmed the incident yesterday, but gave no further details.

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TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY IN INDONESIA

Batavia, December 27.

The transfer of sovereignty in Indonesia was proclaimed in the Governor-General's office today. The announcement was made simultaneously in Jogjakarta and Amsterdam.

The civil and military administration was formally taken over from the Dutch authorities by the Sultan Nomenngu Zuwano of Jogjakarta, acting Prime Minister of the United States of Indonesia.

In a ceremony at which the symbol of sovereignty was transferred, the Sultan said Indonesia faced a new era fraught with many difficulties. "It is with a strong, calm heart that we will meet all these difficulties," he declared.

"During the period of four just new centuries and our fathers have been loyal in the soil of our people. With the courage we should meet all the task of our new era."

For this Indonesia could gladly accept assistance from other nations, particularly the Netherlands, which was imbued with the sincere desire to help the Indonesian people.

The Sultan said the Netherlands-Indonesian union should provide for mutual aid of benefit to both peoples.

He paid tribute to Indonesian people who had sacrificed themselves in the struggle for freedom as well as the efforts of the United Nations Commission on Indonesia, which he said had helped both the Dutch and Indonesians to emerge from the road of darkness.

Queen's decree Before reading Queen Juliana's decree transferring power to the United States of Indonesia, Dr. A.H. Lovink, the last Dutch Governor-General, expressed his confidence in the "constructive forces inherent in the Indonesian people and in the wisdom of its leaders."

The Dutch were now "not only guests in your country but friends in your house."

He concluded: "May peace reign, may the rice prosper and the nation gain strength—God bless your country and people."

Indonesian troops took over the Indonesian capital of Batavia a few hours before Holland transferred sovereignty to the United States of Indonesia.

Control was turned over in a small room at the Base Headquarters, Colonel B.P. de Vries, of Holland, and Lieutenant Colonel Taswin, the Indonesian Republican base commander, represented the two countries.

Dutch and Republican officers stood to attention, facing each other on opposite sides of the room.

Indonesian troops took over the main road junctions and entrances to the city, which has a population of a million and a half, before dawn. Indonesian

nothing head of the Netherlands delegation to the United Nations, handed a letter to the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, announcing the birth of the United States of Indonesia and pledging the Indonesian government "to take all possible steps to promote the early admission of this new State as a member of the United Nations Organisation."

He added: "My government is desirous of giving every early assistance to Indonesia in helping its steady progress toward economic, social and spiritual prosperity."

He expressed hope the union of the Netherlands and the Indonesian Republic would strengthen both nations and increase the welfare of the world as a whole.

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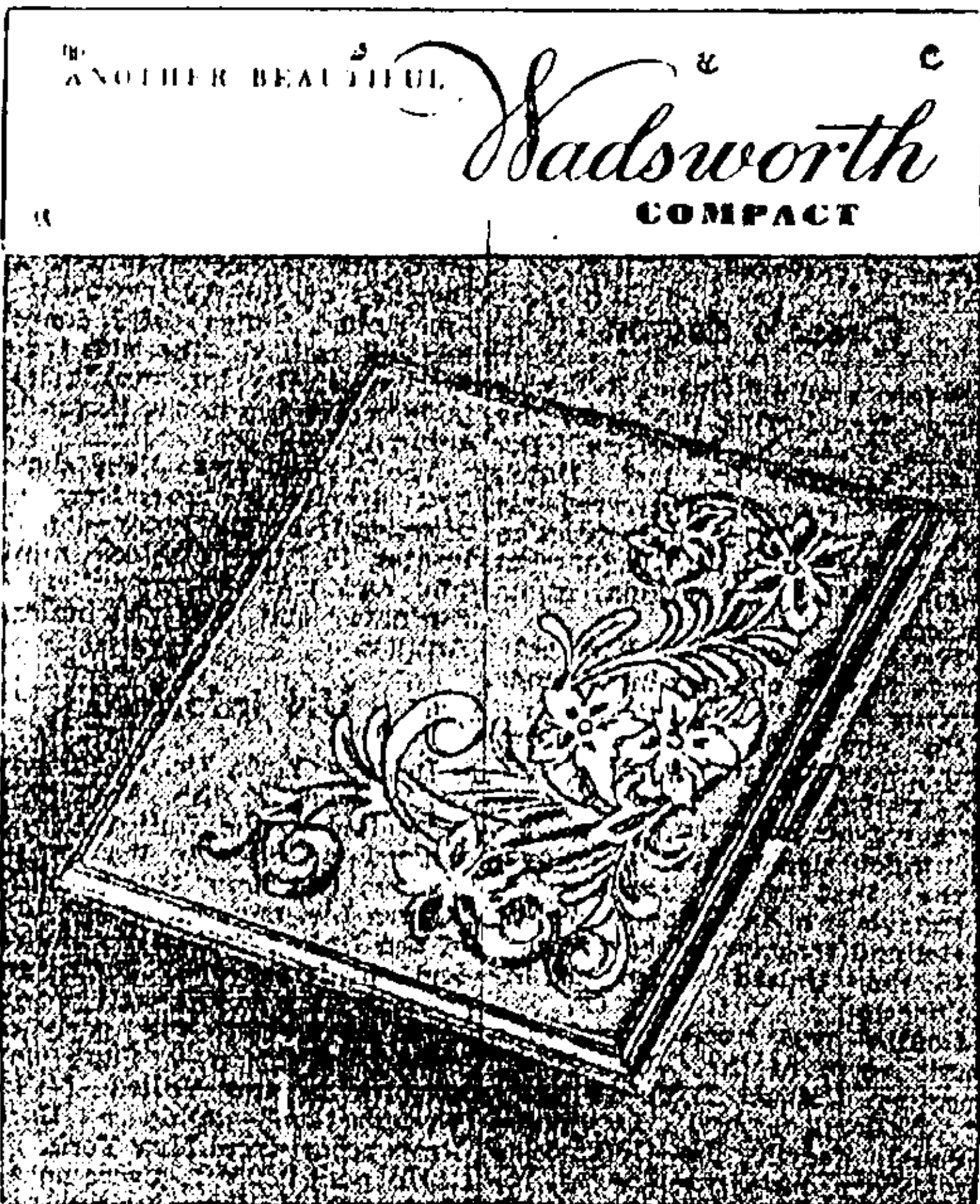
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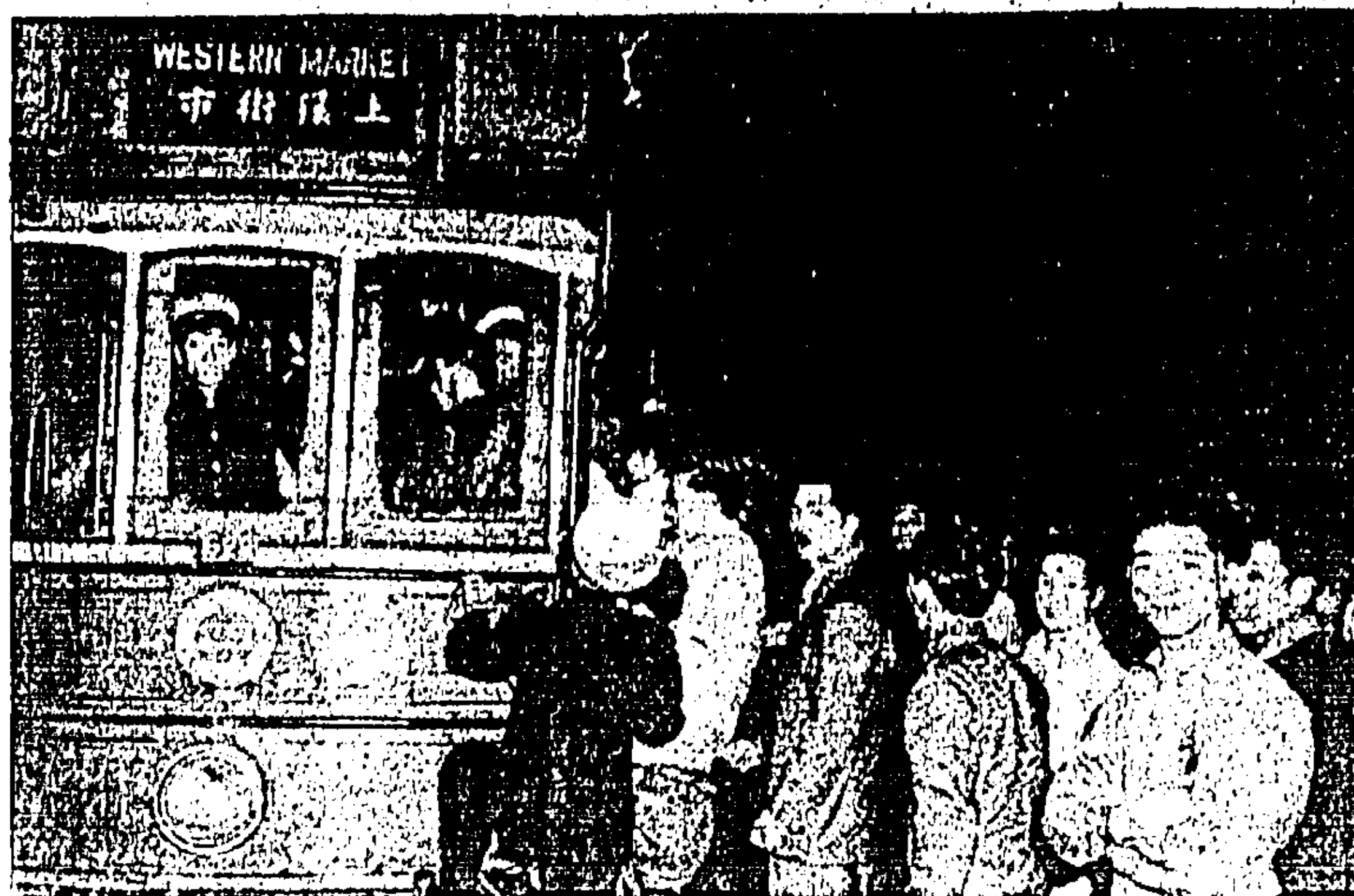


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"Free rides" continue



For the third consecutive day yesterday, free rides on tram continued on the island as a result of the labour dispute between the tramway workers and their employers. Crowds took advantage of the situation and went for free excursions on the tramway network. (China Mail Photo)

Reds to release British coaster

The British coaster Wing Hing, detained by the Communist authorities at Swatow since early this month, is due to return to Hong Kong some time this week.

This is according to information reaching the owners yesterday.

It was confirmed that since her detention at the South China Coast river port, between Swatow and Hong Kong, the Wing Hing has not been released.

News of the British vessel was brought to the Colony by a representative of the Ta Hing Company, who arrived here by one of the motor junks which maintain the sea link with the Communist port. Negotiations are nearing completion, with one or two technicalities to be settled, it was learned yesterday.

"The Wing Hing will be back this week. She is safe and has not been attacked at all," it was stated.

The river steamer left Hong Kong on December 10 with 40 passengers for Swatow. It was reported that she was apprehended by the Communist port authorities for not complying with "regular" regulations. Another report stated that she was flying her ensign when she entered port and was detained for interrogation. The Wing Hing has a crew of 40, headed by Mr. James Leitch.

She has been held incommunicado. But news about her detention has reached the Colony from arrivals on motor junks. Reports stating that she was attacked by Nationalist aircraft at Swatow and subsequently sunk were refuted by the owners.

FISHING JUNK SINKS

According to a Chinese report from Macao, a Chinese fishing junk with more than 30 people aboard was sunk near the Man Shai Islands on Christmas day when she collided with a passing steamer. One woman was reported to have been drowned. The people were picked up by another junk which landed them on an isolated island from where they were taken to Macao the next day.

Personalia

Mr. Lee Ching, Manager of the Koon Sang Brickworks, Limited, Sunshui, Castle Peak, was the host at a cocktail party held in the Green Room, Peninsula Hotel, yesterday afternoon.

The cocktail party given in connection with the company's display at the Chinese Products Exhibition, was attended by a large gathering of newspapermen and friends.

Reds seize Hong Kong vessel

More than 20 Communist soldiers in a speedy motor boat and brandishing sub-machine guns boarded a Hong Kong-licensed vessel 15 miles from Hong Kong and forced the vessel to the Communist-held Lin Tin Islands.

The vessel, Tak Kee II, left Macao on December 25 for Hong Kong with more than 20 passengers and a cargo of food.

Six hours after the Tak Kee II accompanied by two other vessels, left Macao, the ships were passing two Chinese junks near Tai O.

The first vessel, mv. Wah Hing, safely passed the two junks, but as the Tak Kee II was alongside the two ships, a motor boat swung around from the closest junk and cut across her bow.

The Communist commander fired a burst of machine-gun bullets, and ordered the vessel to stop.

As the Communists were taking the vessel to the Lin Tin Islands, the Wah Hing and the second vessel, mv. Keung Kee, made full speed for Hong Kong waters.

The two vessels escaped seizure. The Communists knocked one man on board the Tak Kee II to the deck after boarding her.

Since November 15, three Hong Kong-licensed vessels have been commandeered by Nationalist or Communist soldiers.

On November 15, Communist soldiers boarded the mv. Tai Pan in Deep Bay, Hong Kong, and held the ferry boat for four days before releasing her.

Later in November, Nationalist soldiers boarded the mv. Tak On en route to Swatow, and pressed the crew into service before the small islands of Taiwan.

A Marine Department official said yesterday that they were investigating the seizure, but that it was doubtful if anything effective could be done to recover the vessel because she was taken in Chinese waters.

Communism will not succeed in China, U.S. newsman says

Communism will not succeed in China despite regimentation of the masses and vigorous suppression of the freedom of speech and publication because too many forces are at work to undermine Marxist ideology at the source. This formed the synthesis of a conviction gleaned from seven months under Communist rule by Mr. Fred Hampson, chief of bureau of the Associated Press who has just transferred his headquarters from Shanghai to Hong Kong.

In an interview with the "China Mail" yesterday Mr. Hampson disclosed the arrival three weeks ago of an unprecedented inflationary period in Shanghai, where Communist economy, after six months of stability, has begun to crack.

Mr. Hampson said emphatically that inflation in the Northern metropolis today is just as bad as it was in the days of the CMC. He credited the Communist authorities with their only realistic aptitude of keeping the official rate of foreign exchange close to black market valuations that the latter in denied the possibility of promoting chaos.

In Hong Kong mainly because the operation of Communist policy has invalidated the existence of independent news agencies, Mr. Hampson believes that the days of a free press in China are over.

In clear, precise terms Mr. Hampson painted a picture of news suppression which is slowly approaching a total informative black-out. He said Communist psychology brooks of no compromise, and the complete journey into the tangible sphere of the iron curtain is only a matter of time.

"The only reason why there is not a 100 per cent suppression of news in Shanghai today," he declared, "is because the Communists have not yet got around to it."

True Marxists Mr. Hampson said he believes the Communists are guided by true Marxism and are following the Stalinist line with apparent sincerity. But the leveling-off which has reduced the privileged classes to stagnation has done nothing to promote the material advancement of the lower orders, with the result that the glamourous claims of Communism are being exposed as beyond immediate achievement.

To millions of Chinese who are witnessing the operation of Communism at first hand, the clash of ideology means nothing, Mr. Hampson said.

Members of the Party—supremely orthodox, Spartan and wonderfully beyond suspicion—corruption—constantly promote the contention that the road to Communism and a classless society is strewn with the pitfalls of political chaos, financial bewilderment and material discomfort. But the argument is not impressive because the Communists invariably reject qualitative assumptions in favour of practicalities.

"I think," Mr. Hampson said, "the people of China are not concerned with Communism or Marxism. All they want is peace. Communism means nothing to them. It means trouble and tribulation. It means peace they will be willing to take a chance on it."

In China as the chief Associated Press correspondent for more than four years, Mr. Hampson has seen the decline and fall of the Kuomintang at close range. When faced with the prospect of Shanghai's absorption into the fold of Chinese Communism, he decided to remain behind instead of joining the general exodus. Even after the clamour arose for an American evacuation ship to be sent to Shanghai three months after the occupation—which resulted in the dispatch of the General Gordon—Mr. Hampson preferred to assist the needs of Chinese Communism by personal observation.

As a result of this he stayed in Shanghai three months longer than most American correspondents, and has emerged with the set conviction that Communism cannot succeed.

Must fail Mr. Hampson did not mince words. When asked for a summary of his impressions he said Communism must fail in China because it has been obvious to him that the scope of political experimentation there is limited.

"There are too many millions of people in China and the country is too poor. You cannot pursue a vast political experimentation under these conditions. China does not have the excess fat on which the population may feed during the period of adjustment," he declared.

"My impression is that the Communists will get into trouble in Shanghai already more than 60 per cent of the population are disillusioned, and are anxious to get rid of the new regime."

In a particularly revealing statement Mr. Hampson said unemployment is approaching unparallelled proportions in Shanghai. The authorities are totally unable to deal with it. They have pledged to depopulate the city, but every transfer to rural areas of 10 people encourages the secret infiltration of 20 others, with the result that the population appears to be even greater today than it ever was.

Mr. Hampson paid one tribute to the Communists. He said they are truly bent on eliminating corruption from the ranks of Municipal personnel. They are actually Spartan in their habits, frugal in their attire, and indifferent to material accoutrements. But the populations over which they wield domination, particularly in Shanghai, are not reconciled to a future of cotton-padded gowns, cloth shoes and millet feasts.

Mr. Hampson passed over the field of European adjustment to Communism rule in a few words. He said the foreign community keeps to itself, and remains aloof from the toss and tumble of Chinese affairs.

They are left alone and are not molested in the sinister sense of the word. Asked to elaborate on this point Mr. Hampson said the official Communist attitude to foreigners is substantially correct. He attributed some publicised instances of mal-treatment to the individual ruthlessness of a few morbidly indoctrinated Party members, and not to Peking's encouragement.

Mr. Hampson subscribed to none of the presently-held views on Western recognition of the Mao Tse-tung regime.

Opinion divided In Shanghai, he said, opinion is divided into two schools. One believes that recognition will destroy the Soviet advantage of being able to pose as China's only friend, and thus produce a condition in which Western influences may be propelled into active fruition once more.

The British element in Shanghai, and one section of American opinion, cling to this school.

Another point of view suggests that if recognition is withheld so conspicuously that the Communists will have to turn to Russia for all of their vast needs, the impossibility of Russian effective help will swiftly produce disillusionment and make Peking amenable to the West once more.

Summarising his impressions Mr. Hampson said: "The Communists, sooner or later, will fail."



Mr. FRED HAMPSON

have to co-operate. The people are not reconciled to them, and perhaps never will be. Communism in this part of the world is heading for a breakdown because the scope of the project is too vast. The Russian experiment of 1921 provides no parallel for application here."

In a final reference to Communist apologists all over the world who are explaining conditions of life under Mao Tse-tung as a period of "martyrdom" for something better in the final analysis, Mr. Hampson said even Edgar Snow—who wrote the best-seller "Red Star Over China"—would be forced to concede that Communism is not going any too well.

"He will take the line that the long-range point of view is what counts. True enough, it is still too early to pass judgment. But I will say that Communism stands no chance of permanent success. I have seen how it works, and I will say the Chinese are not ripe for it," Mr. Hampson declared.

Exhibition proves popular

Up to 5 p.m. yesterday 523,752 people had visited the Seventh Annual Exhibition of Chinese Products since it was opened on December 15, Mr. P. S. Ko, Secretary of the Chinese Manufacturers' Union which sponsored the exhibition, announced.

The net gate receipts, including the 70,000 tickets sold outside the main entrance, up to 5 p.m. yesterday, was \$104,250.40. The largest number of visitors in a single day so far recorded was on December 18 when 61,822 persons visited the exhibition ground opposite the Peninsula Hotel.

The exhibition, which will remain open until January 2, is being closed to the general public from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today during which hours local exporters and overseas visitors are invited to visit the exhibits. They are admitted by special cards only.

Among the interested visitors yesterday was Mr. A. C. Jordan of Jordan and Golliger and Company, Manufacturers' Agents, Cape Town, South Africa, who arrived here in the ss. Ruys on Monday.

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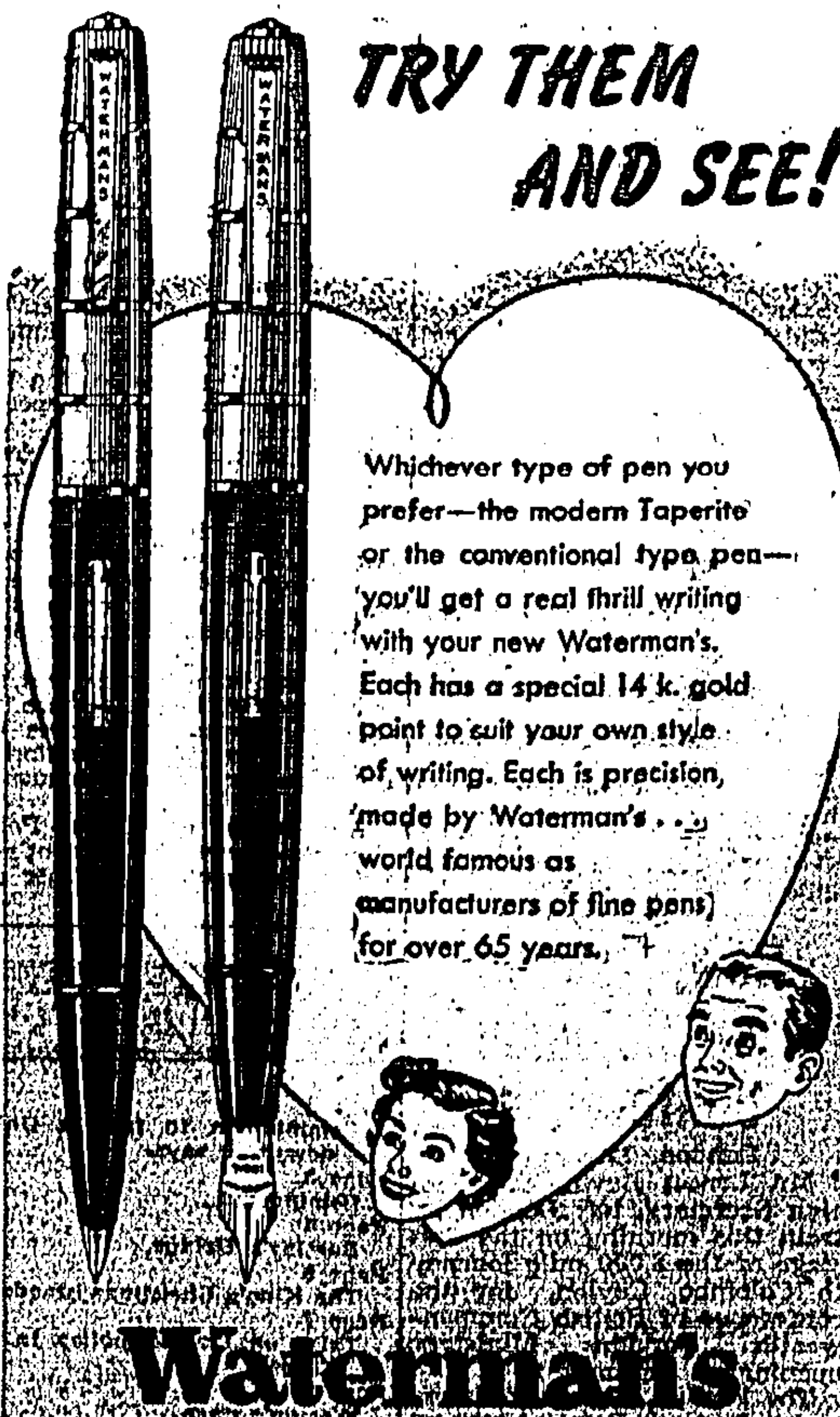
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Public Entertainments Ordinance
which requires that public enter-
tainment shall be given in a building
to which the public have access
whether by payment or not.

Buildings and Other Premises
2. No public entertainment
shall be given except in a building
or other premises licensed for
the purpose and in addition to
buildings and other premises
regularly used for public enter-
tainments, buildings and other
premises used for casual enter-
tainment must also be licensed
even if only on one occasion.

Public Entertainments
3. No public entertainment
may be given except in a build-
ing or other premises licensed
for the purpose and must be
permitted by separate applica-
tion made by the producer
thereof.

General
4. A building or other pre-
mises licensed for a particular
class or classes of entertain-
ment shall not be used for an-
other class of entertainment
without permission.

5. Permits to cover a period
will only be granted to licen-
ces who are themselves pro-
ducers of regular entertainments.
Such permits will not include
entertainments sponsored or
produced by others which re-
quire a separate permit to be
obtained and produced by such
sponsors or producers before
the licensee allows the enter-
tainment to take place.

6. All other persons who
occupy premises, who hire their
premises or licensees who both
produce themselves and hire to
others must apply for permis-
sion on each casual occasion on
their own behalf and require
the persons to whom they hire
their licensed building or other
premises to produce a permit
for which such persons have
themselves made application.

7. The public is warned
that, if an entertainment falls
under the definition of the
purpose, however worthy, be it
charity, uplift or amusement,
does not affect the necessity to
obtain a licence. The public is
also warned that possession of
a liquor licence does not cover
public entertainment.

THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB

Annual Race Meeting 1950
Special Cash Sweep
Pearce Memorial Cup

The race for the Pearce
Memorial Cup will be run at
3.30 p.m. on the third day of
the meeting, Tuesday, 17th
January 1950.

Tickets for the sweep at \$2.
—each may be purchased at
the Office of the Treasurers,
1st Floor Telephone House,
and also at the Club's Branch
Office, No. 382 Nathan Road,
Kowloon.

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By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER, 1948.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Thirty-fourth Ordina-
ry General Meeting of Share-
holders in the abovenamed
Company will be held at
601/600 Marina House, Hong
Kong, on Wednesday, Decem-
ber 28, 1949, at 12.15 p.m.,
for the following purposes:

To receive and consider the
Directors' Report and State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ended December 31, 1948, to
elect a Director, to elect Au-
ditors, and to transact any
other ordinary business of the
Company.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
December 14 to 28, 1949, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO.,
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Hong Kong, Dec. 6, 1949.

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Hong Kong, Dec. 6, 1949.

NOTICE

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

On behalf of children in
Hong Kong's many orphanages
and homes the Social Welfare
Office would be happy to re-
ceive used Christmas and New
Year Cards for making up into
scrap books, pictures etc.

By kind permission of the
Post Master General packages
of these cards may be sent,
postage free, if they are mark-
ed "Used Christmas Cards"
on the top left hand corner and
are left open at each end.

Will anyone who would like
to give away his cards kindly
forward these to the Social
Welfare Office, Fire Brigade
Building, preferably well be-
fore Chinese New Year which
falls on February 17th, 1950?

J. C. McDOUALL,
Social Welfare Office.

NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting
of the Auxiliary of the British
and Foreign Bible Society will
be held in St. John's Cathedral
Hall on Wednesday 28th De-
cember 1949 at 5.30 p.m. The
Right Reverend the Bishop will
preside and Mr. David Mc-
Gavin General Secretary of
China Bible House will be the
speaker.

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31st DECEMBER, 1948

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By Order of the Board
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J. A. WATTIE & CO.,
LTD.,
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Hong Kong, Dec. 6, 1949.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
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31st DECEMBER, 1948.

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By Order of the Board
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Hong Kong, Dec. 6, 1949.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
AND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER, 1948.

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By Order of the Board
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J. A. WATTIE & CO.,
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Secretaries.

Hong Kong, Dec. 6, 1949.

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A cocktail party will be held
on Wednesday, 11th January,
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1950

Saturday 14th, Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th,
Wednesday 18th and Saturday 21st January

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race
will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The 15 min interval is after the
fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (60 in all). The "Pearce Memorial
Cup" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 17th
January, Race No. 6, at 3.30 p.m.

Through tickets at \$100 each may be obtained at the Office
of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2.
each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup".
The latter may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office,
No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear
their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the
Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO
THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or
Season tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the
Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10. per day, including
tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary
on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Mem-
ber to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for
payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale
at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office
will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor,
Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club
House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box
(Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S
PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3. each
day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable
at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PER-
MITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE
HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.
MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN
THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only,
who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to
ensure their names are on the passes. Holders of such passes are
not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through
on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

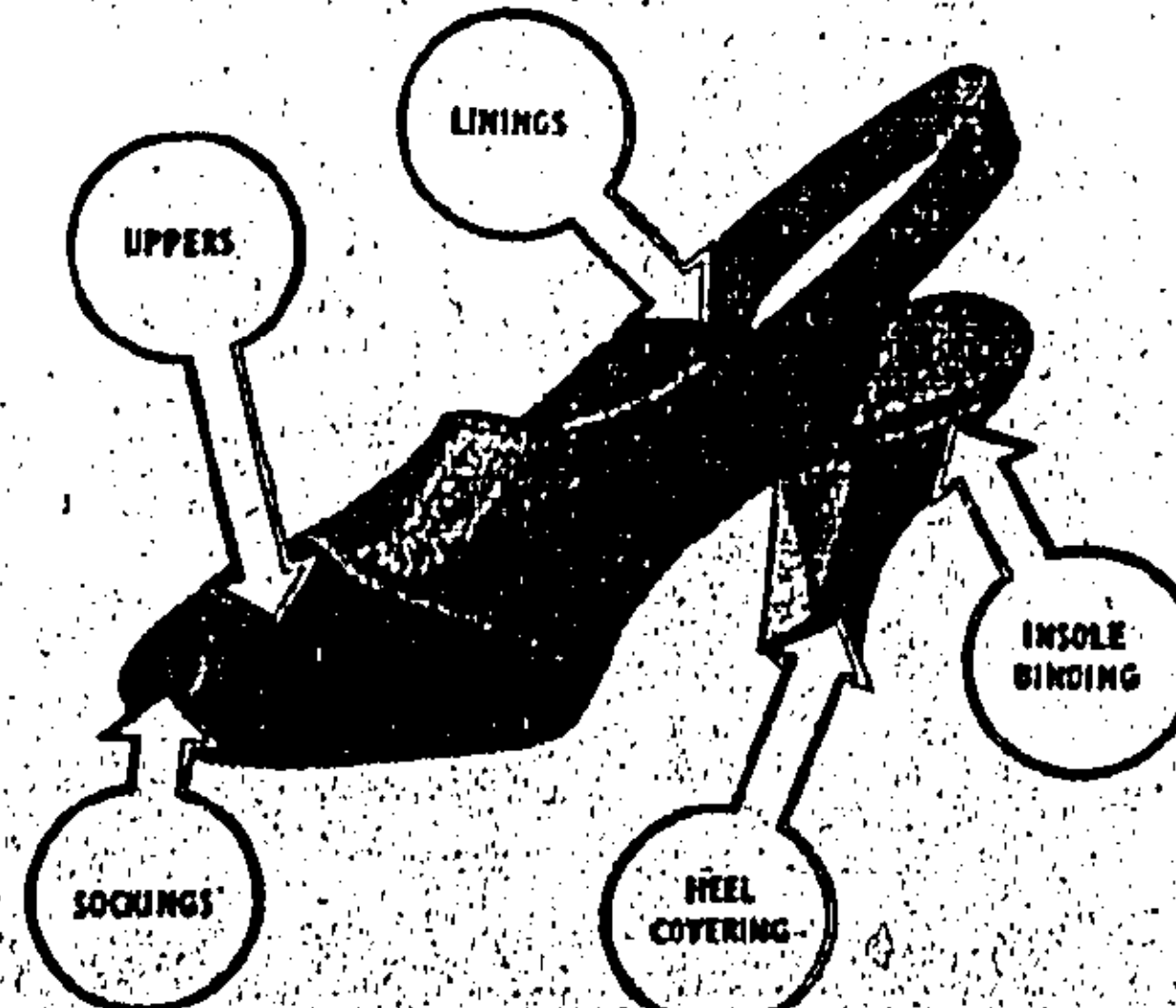
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By Dick Turner



"And now he can't read a single line until he gets just a
bleary-eyed as he was the day he was tested for his
glasses!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

The Authority on Authority

HELP HIM TAKE TRICKS

IN NO OTHER department of
the game do you find a greater
difference between average play-
ers and stars than in defensive
play in this phase of competi-
tion, there are several outstand-
ing features that mark the work
of the best cardmen. One of
course, is superior card-reading
and signaling. But the main
contrast is in a simpler matter
than that, so far as describing it
is concerned. It may be sum-
med up in the one word "team-
work." Each partner co-operates
better in helping the other to
take tricks.

to beat the declarer instead of
the hearts which West led.

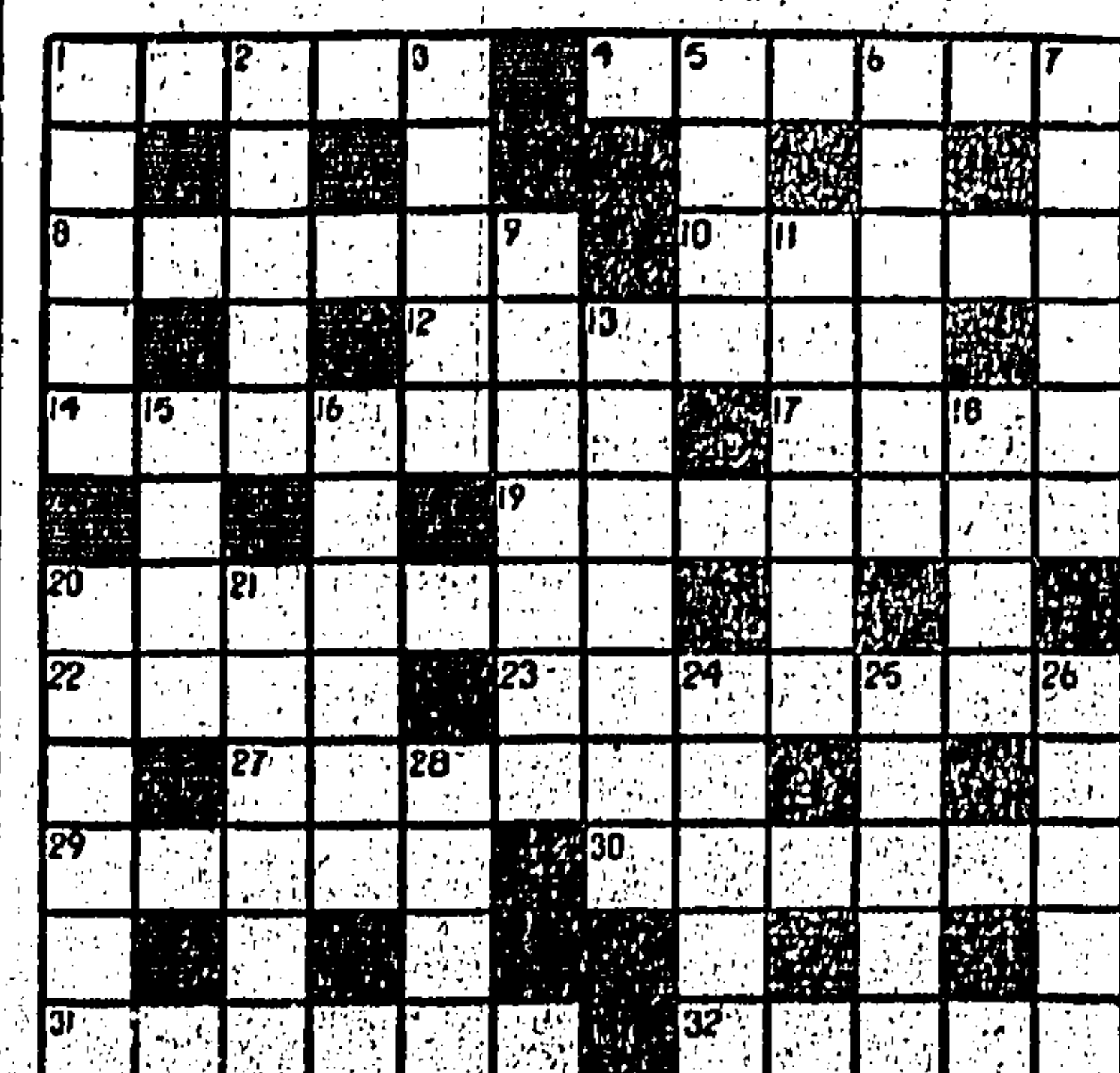
West opened the 5 of his suit,
East putting on the 10 to force
the K. South finessed the club
Q to the K and gave East his
chance to present South a ruff
of the game. This that worthy
promptly did, by leading his dia-
mond K. South took it with the
A and finessed the club 8 to the
J. East scored the diamond Q,
then led the 10 to the J. Now all
that South had to do to have nine
tricks was take three clubs, the
heart A and the spade top.

What a different story if East
had used his thinking cap. The
Rule of Eleven should have told
him after the heart 5 opening
that South had only one card
able to beat the lead, which he
used on the first trick. Fingering
thus, and virtually sure West had
either live or six hearts, East
should have returned his J of the
suit after he won the second
trick. That would have ham-
mered out the dummy's A. When
East was in again with the club
J, his return of the heart 6 would
have enabled West to run four
tricks in the hand and set the con-
tract two tricks.

Today's Question

What should you always do as
declarer, after figuring out a
hopeful way to play for your
contract, before actually begin-
ning execution of the plan?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Carp. 20. Prefer.
4 Call to arms. 22 Character.
6 Flirt. 23 Cluttering.
10 Separately. 27 Disc let in.
12 Rarely. 29 Ignited.
14 Shock. 30 Bird.
17 Ruler. 31 Came after.
19 Shunned. 32 Works for.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS—3 Proposed, 8 Heel,
9 Evacuate, 11 Complete, 13
Pen, 15 Concoct, 19 Released,
19 Lenn, 21 Dialects, 23 Collie's
20 Pair, 27 Descends.
DOWN—1 Chic, 2 Term,
3 GOWN, 4 Chic, 5 Term,
6 Face, 8 Slave, 7 Dwell, 9

Down

1 Contents. 16 Report.
2 Residence. 18 Attached.
3 Minimum. 20 bit.
6 Burden. 20 Express.
8 Wandered. 21 Revelries.
7 System. 24 Make re-
9 Connects. phration.
11 Small horses. 25 Fall into.
13 Young animal. 26 Kind.
15 Dashed.

Elder. 10 Atoll. 12 Ozone. 14
Avert. 16 Aerio. 17 Sells. 19
Lucid. 20 Atlas. 21 Dire. 22 Arid.
23 Crab. 24 Spry.

QUEEN'S ALHAMBRA

TODAY AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 P.M.

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KING'S BROADCAST TO COMMONWEALTH

London, December 25.

His Majesty the King declared today in his traditional broadcast Christmas message that though Britain had "a long way to go", and it would be a "tough business," none of us can be satisfied till we are again standing upright and supporting our own weight.

The King, whose voice was carried all over the world after the most comprehensive exchange of Commonwealth greetings ever undertaken, said:

"If we are to see it through, as we shall, we must put the good of our country first all the time. We are deeply grateful to our good friends in the United States for the imagination and sympathy with which they first realised our problems and then set to work to help us over them.

"Without this help we could not have made the progress towards recovery that has already been achieved."

The whole world, he said, is watching Britain to see how she bore herself in the test of character for recovery involved.

"And if not the whole world, certainly a greater part of it is longing to see Great Britain and the British Commonwealth keeping their place and able to pull their full weight among the great Democracies, who are joining to lay deep the foundations of a secure peace for all."

One of the guests present for the few minutes he spoke, following the tradition of the Christmas Day broadcasts begun by his father, King George V, 17 years ago, was his grandson, Prince Charles, who was spending his first Christmas at Sandringham. Last year he was in London.

Shortly after the broadcast, translations in Hindustani, Afrikaans and French went out, followed later by versions in other languages.

The speaker to precede the King was Mr. Aileen Williams, law student studying in London.

Personal touch

The King said that each year he valued most highly the opportunity to send a message that he was able to give on Christmas Day. "In no way would it be possible for me to be in such direct personal touch with the many friends to whom I am speaking."

He continued: "I told you a year ago of the volume of sympathy with me and my illness that had come from every part of the world. Those good wishes, I am thankful to say, have been largely fulfilled, so that I am now able again to undertake many public duties which, under doctors' orders, I was for a while obliged to forego.

"Once more I would say how touched and encouraged I have been by the affectionate concern of millions in these islands and far outside them.

"Most of us make Christmas the family festival; and it is about this family side of Christmas that I want to say something today. Here at Sandringham, the Queen and I are very glad to have with us both the eldest member and the youngest member of our family and we would like to share our Christmas joys.

"May this season, and the new year that is to follow it, bring to you real happiness. It is right that we should think first at this time of our nearest and dearest, and where there are children we are trying to make it a happy day for them.

Great qualities

"To us older ones the happiness of young people is one of the chief sources of delight. And if

we can carry this spirit of Christmas along with us through 1950, it will not only make life easier for those round us, but we shall be giving strength to that wider family of the whole British Commonwealth, which depends for its own vitality upon the health of all its members.

"The difficult days bring to my people the opportunity of showing the great qualities of human nature—courage, perseverance, endurance, unselfishness and public spirit.

"These are the qualities by which, in our long history, the sons and daughters of our race have met and overcome many crises. And each one of us who day by day in that spirit that he is doing his share to win through these dangerous times, so that we may the more certainly and the sooner be equipped to play the full part that we ought to play in the world.

"We are deeply grateful to our good friends in the United States for the imagination and sympathy with which they first realised our problems and then set to work to help us over them.

"Without this understanding help, we could not have made the progress towards recovery that has already been achieved.

Tough business

"But none of us can be satisfied all we are again standing upright and supporting our own weight, and we have a long way to go before we can do that. It is bound to be a tough business, and if we are to see it through, as we shall, we must put the good of our country first all the time.

"It will not always be easy, for under such stresses as we must expect, we may be inclined to think first of our own advantage or convenience, or to put the blame, if things are not going right, on other shoulders than our own, and not think what we ourselves can contribute to making them go better.

"But feelings of that sort would be unworthy of our common need, and of the obligation of service that rests on every individual. The whole world is watching how we bear ourselves in this test of character.

(Continued On Page 6)

Portuguese banker's tragic end

Lisbon, December 26. Brigadier Vasco Temudo Da Vora, prominent Portuguese banker who was general inspector of a colonial bank at Macao, was reported missing today from the steamship Benguela.

Officials of the ship line said that Brigadier Temudo, a passenger aboard the Benguela returning from the Cape Verde Islands, last was seen on Christmas Eve.

They believe the 65-year-old banker fell overboard.—Associated Press.

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DECEMBER — 28

2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.

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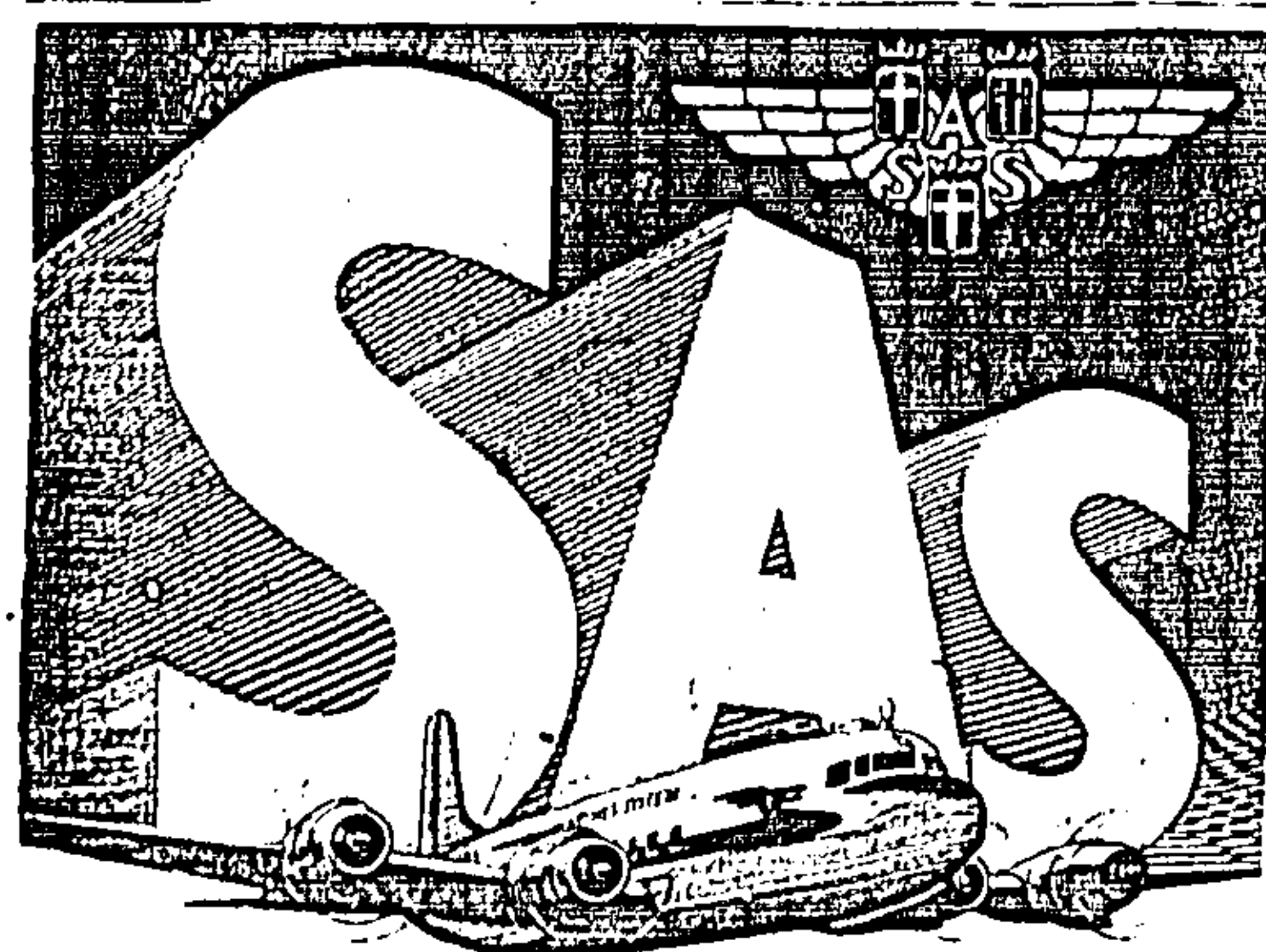


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A NEW NATION IN ASIA.

Asia and most of the world greet a new nation of seventy million people today — the United States of Indonesia. The sovereignty of, and authority over, this great archipelago have been formally transferred from the Dutch to the representatives of the new Indonesian Government.

Thus another chapter has been written in the renaissance of Asia, which is the greatest feature of contemporary world history: an epoch which will be a magnet for historians for a long time to come. It is a great day for the peoples of Indonesia, and for the peoples of Asia as a whole.

For centuries the peoples of this teeming Continent had been looking back. Their vision like their pride, was of the past. In some cases, as in that of India, it was to a dim and very distant past. But while India has taken the symbols of the great Asoka for the emblems of the new State, she and the other nations of Asia now look to the future. It is good to feel pride in a great past, and certainly Asia has just cause for pride in the achievements of the mighty men of ages ago. No Continent has contributed more to the deepest thoughts of man, or more profoundly to the faith and mysticism of great religions.

But it is not good to have one's thoughts and aspirations rooted in the past. No nation can give of its best if it is content with the legacy of remote ancestors. It is even difficult to survive, physically no less than in personality, in the world of science and change as we find it today, unless the achievements of the past are a source not only of pride and confidence but of inspiration to do greater things in the future.

That is precisely the supreme gift of the West to Asia's millions. The pioneers from Europe found the East shackled to the past—a past whose greatness, it is true, rivalled the brightest pages of Greece and Rome—but still the past. Now the mission of the West is being more clearly seen than ever in its fulfilment, and, with fulfilment, the withdrawal of tutelage. It is not quite the old house and the old culture which the peoples of Asia are moving into today, for the West has left its mark. It is a house, moreover, which they passionately desire to change. They do not, of course, want to transform themselves into mere copies of Western peoples. But they do intend to take the best of both worlds, and mould them into a synthesis which will give their vast numbers a better and happier way of life.

Something of that synthesis is written into the various agreements which have created the United States of Indonesia and the new Dutch-Indonesian Union. The link between them is the oldest that exists between governments of Europe and Asia. The Dutch went to the archipelago nearly four centuries ago. There was more between them than the bonds of governor and governed, no two people it is true, could be more unlike. The tall, heavy, and somewhat "four-Dutchmen" formed a striking contrast to the small, dapper, and often mercurial Javanese. Yet somehow they

British surgeons are writing a new chapter in the glorious history of medical science.

A new pre-operative technique is being perfected in the diagnosis of the distressing "blue baby" disease.

This technique gives the surgeon the fullest information to date on the disease and eliminates much of the danger in the subsequent operation on the heart.

Surgeons regard the new treatment as of first-class importance. Victims of the disease are by no means rare. The British Medical Association estimates the number of cases in Britain today as several thousands, although many cases are not serious.

Vital information

The new technique, briefly, can be described as the passing of a hollow tube, no thicker than fine wire, along a vein in the arm straight to the heart.

The information obtained from pressure readings of the heart and samples of the blood for estimating the oxygen content is invaluable.

What is a "blue baby"? In a healthy body blood, with a sufficient supply of life-giving oxygen, flows strongly and freely from the heart to the lung during its circulation through the body.

A "blue baby" is one born with a heart defect which curtails this circulation and prevents a sufficient supply of oxygen entering the blood through the lungs. The cause is an obstruction in the artery leading to the lungs.

This lack of oxygen causes a bluish tinge to appear over parts of the body and, until a few years ago, most victims of the disease were condemned to severe disability and an early death.

In many cases "blue babies" could never leave their homes or even their room; a few steps and they were breathless. Few, if any, could walk more than 100 yards. Even these, as they grew older, became completely immobilised.

American discovery

Dr. Maurice Campbell, one of Britain's foremost "blue baby" experts, after an analysis of the age incidence in 340 patients, reported that only one in two children was likely to survive till the age of seven, only one in four likely to reach the age of 14, and less than one in 10 to reach 21.

In 1944 two American doctors, Professor Alfred Blalock and Dr. Helen Taussig, discovered a way of relieving a "blue baby's" condition. The artery was by-passed and an artificial channel created.

But last year Dr. R. C. Brock, a London surgeon, found that in some cases the obstruction was inside the heart, and that it was possible to clear the obstruction itself. It is not always possible to perform the operation.

The patient may be too young or certain complications may make it inadvisable, and, of course, if the obstruction is outside the heart the operation is unnecessary.

The new pre-operative technique which is now being used in got along together exceedingly well, perhaps because they were opposites.

Even in the long and tenacious battle of negotiations, interrupted so often by breakdowns and so-called "police actions," the personal relations between the two parties were invariably cordial. The Dutch had the reputation of being the most obstinate of all the "foreign Imperialists." Certainly they outlasted all others, with their long record in Indonesia.

And the Indonesian Republicans had to fight very hard indeed to attain their ends. But it cannot be doubted that these ends have now been attained. Indonesia starts her new life as free as any other nation in the world. The future is before her for weal or woe. The nations of Europe as well as of Asia will watch her progress with hope and sympathy. There are bound to be difficulties. The Communists, taking their line from Moscow, will make as much trouble as they possibly can, for there is a quality of malevolence in Communism which non-Communists find it so very hard to understand. There are also fanatical groups of "Muslim" zealots known as Darul Islam, whose terrorism has already taken a serious toll. But wise statesmanship has provided sensible and solid foundations for the future, and the Federal structure should safeguard Indonesia against the breakdown of racial relations such as now threaten Burma's existence.

BRITAIN LEADS IN "BLUE BABY" RESEARCH

By John Lee

Perfect teamwork

Success depends on perfect teamwork before and during the operation. In the theatre itself the anaesthetist plays a part of vital importance. Great care has to be taken because the heart is already weakened by the disease. An incision is made in the chest wall and the heart exposed. Then, guided by X-ray plates, the surgeon gently inserts a thin scalpel into the heart.

The X-ray has already revealed the exact position of the obstruction and with the knife, it is cut through. The operation is long and extremely delicate.

So far Mr. Brock has reported on only five of his "miracle" operations, and guardedly he states "The results so far are extremely encouraging."

As far as is known only one other surgeon in Britain has carried out this type of operation.

The first "blue baby" operation in Britain was carried out by the late Professor Blalock, using his own technique, in the summer of 1947.

The outcome of this operation and of others that followed caused such a stir that hospitals were besieged by thousands of anxious parents who saw a new hope for their afflicted children.

It is an indisputable fact that for the past 20 years England has led the world in ballroom dancing and that enthusiastic dancers in all countries seek to excel in what has become known as the "English Style."

What is this "English Style" which 20 years ago made English dancers the best in the world and which keeps them, particularly the professionals, easily first today?

The story goes back to the days which immediately followed the first world war. Dancing was then at the height of its popularity, but technique was in the melting pot.

New rhythms

The old style, based on the five positions and tied to the apron strings of the ballet, the style of Victorian and Edwardian days, was being pushed out of the door by the younger generation of dancers in their search for steps to interpret the new rhythms which had come from across the Atlantic—foxtrot, ragtime, and super syncopation or jazz.

With affairs in this state and with no established body in existence capable of settling matters right, it is not surprising that dancing became chaotic and eccentric. On the Continent things were worse—in fact, they were so bad that the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris and other Prelates of the Church thundered against it.

In England I was able to call a great meeting of more than 300 representative teachers who decided to do their best to set matters right, and for this purpose committees were appointed. Ultimately a small body of English teachers who formed the final committee slowly but surely evolved the basis of a new technique based on the principle of natural movement in which the feet moved as in walking and not turned out as in the Victorian days.

The simpler steps of the popular dances were described: the great importance of a correct carriage of the body was stressed and by degrees the secrets of "rise and fall," and "contrary body movement," were disclosed. By this time committees had become general, and the judges based their decisions on the technique the committee had evolved. Very quickly the effect was apparent to all: the standard of dancing in this country rapidly improved—improved to such an extent that its reputation became known on the Continent and Continental teachers, flocked to discover how it was done.

From that day to this the "English Style" (as this new dancing was called) has never looked back, and today the English professional couples at the top of the tree are the finest ballroom dancers in the world.

Will form the ideal

In the building up of this technique competitions have played a very big part. This technique is comparatively recent and, from time to time, slight improvements are discovered. In a really important competition such as the organized by the

and a chance to give their babies normal, happy lives.

Impressive results

Mr. Brock, writing in the BMA Journal, stated: "Although the plight of these children has been well known, it is only since the prospect of relief by operation has been available that the incidence and full tragedy of the condition has really come to light... we have been overwhelmed by the numbers and have been very impressed by the large amount of suffering and human misery that has been revealed."

"We have seen children as old as six years who have never walked..."

Mr. Brock does not claim that his heart operation is a cure for "blue babies." There is still no known cure for the disease. But operations in the majority of cases, materially improve the condition and increase the patient's expectation of normal life.

Next ten years

But what of the future? How long will the improvement last? And the most important question of all: Is it permanent? Doctors, surgeons, and scientists all over the world are waiting. During the next ten years the "blue babies" who have found relief in the operation will be closely watched.

At the end of that time the doctors hope to have the answers to their questions.

The world's best dancers

By Philip J. S. Richardson

London "Sunday Dispatch," in which the very best dancers are taking part, one sees crystallised such improvements as have been made during the preceding months. The dancing of the exponents at the Empress Hall on December 10 therefore formed the ideal towards which every teacher will endeavour to steer his pupils.

It has been urged that all British dances are of foreign origin. That is a misleading statement only partially true. We received the raw material, that is, the original rhythms and steps, from abroad, but it is the English teachers and dancers who have moulded this raw material into the finished article we see today.

The slow foxtrot, most beautiful of all dances, came originally from the United States but the slow foxtrot we dance is absolutely English.

King's broadcast to commonwealth

(Continued From Page 5).

"And it not the whole world, certainly the greater part of it is longing to see Great Britain and the British Commonwealth keeping their place and able to pull their full weight among the great Democracies, who are jointly, and I pray, successfully, striving to lay deep the foundations of a secure peace for us all."

"My peoples indeed are part of something much bigger than themselves: the family of all human kind. Science has taught us a lesson enforced by the tragic experience of two world wars—how close the several parts of this family are to one another, and how quickly the good fortune or ill-fortune of one is felt by the others."

Big responsibility

"If, therefore, we are convinced, as we are, that the democratic way of life gives to free men the greatest degree of human happiness and the best security against any form of tyranny, we must spare no effort to make that way of life vigorous and strong both now and for the years to come."

"The responsibility on us all is very great."

"Many of you will feel, as I do, that the troubles of these times are greater than can be resolved by human wisdom alone. And today to a world distracted, anxious, and uncertain, comes once again the good news of Christmas Day in its wonder of God's power and love, reaching out to help and save men from failure and frustration."

"May we win for ourselves this strength to serve others by constant faithfulness to His purpose and be true to the kindred points of Heaven and Home." (The King's quotation was taken from Wordsworth's poem "To a Skylark")

"Thus most surely shall we make our own the new hope and life which comes to us with Christmas."—Reuter.

Nonsense, says Julian Huxley

By JOHN LANGDON-DAVIES

In commenting on my recent book "Russia Puts the Clock Back" Professor Haldane tells his "Daily Worker" readers that he has seldom read book containing more demonstrably untrue statements.

For this reason, no doubt, he still refuses to answer my challenge about the Russian attack on science.

He and all Communists have to pretend to like Lysenko and his new-old theory that environment, not heredity, shapes our lives; have to accept the Party line which outlaws established scientific theories for political reasons; have to keep silent about the persecution of truth and reason going on in their spiritual home.

Their position being hopeless, they want us all to forget the very name Lysenko.

That being so, it is important that those who believe that freedom of thought and of scientific research must be defended should return to the attack again, and again. Dr. Julian Huxley's new book, Soviet Genetics and World Science, since the author is a distinguished practising biologist, cannot be ignored by the new medievalists.

According to Huxley, Lysenko's theories are not true or false, they are simply nonsense. Lysenko describes his results in such a way that nobody can get any clear idea as to what his experiments mean. Yet this man has been given a dictatorship over the whole field of animal and plant breeding in Russia, and only his theories may be taught in Soviet schools.

Huxley's book deals with the Russian scientific purge in what some people might feel was too detached a way, but even if the author wanted to avoid any kind of political bias, the facts which he so ably marshals make that task almost impossible.

What is so serious is that the whole Soviet people are being conditioned to hate and distrust every intellectual achievement of the world outside.

Huxley gives an example which would be comic were its implications not tragic. "Krokodil," the Marxist "Punch," printed a cartoon showing an alchemist amid his retorts, with the words: "This is how alchemist-scientists used to try to obtain gold—without success." Opposite is a "bourgeois-scientist" with a typewriter, a bottle of port, a cigar, and a cheque for \$10,000. "This is how contemporary bourgeois-scientists like Hermann J. Muller and Sir Henry Dale obtained gold with great success."

In the "bourgeois-scientist's" pocket are two articles labelled "Against Michurin" and "Against Lysenko."



Christmas may be over, but apparently they haven't got around to talking those big-hearted train conductors yet.

It's not like me to stand up in defence of the Japs, even at this time of year, but I do feel these charges of germ warfare were mistakenly made by types who once saw some Nip soldiers.

Mankind must be more modest, says a contemporary, quoting "the world famous theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr, today. Neither is professor of applied Christianity."

Apparently his first name didn't know what his surname was doing.

The golf club secretary hurried over when he saw a new member addressing the ball a few feet in front of the tee. "I'm sorry," he interrupted, "but we play either from the tee or behind it. Never," he emphasised with a shudder, "in front of it."

The golfer's only move was to re-address his ball. "I must insist," urged the secretary.

The golfer straightened up and looked hard at his interrupter. "I happen," he said with dignity, "to be playing my second shot."

Spare the rod. "She spoke highly of his organising abilities as a headmaster, and paid tribute to his unflagging interest in the pupils."

This bloke arrested for smoking while sitting on 200 tons of kerosene was at least prevented by the police from being all burned up.

"The new evening and dinner dresses for winter reach from just above the ankle to mid-calf." Myrtle says they might be attractive, but they sound decidedly chilly.

Good old Georges. Well, once again, for however short a period, we've got a French government whose name we can pronounce.

A body of social workers in Scotland recommends that prison inmates should be allowed to spend week-ends at home.

Special arrangements will no doubt be made for those serving sentences for blagging.

"These poor children next door have no Mummy or Daddy and no Aunt Jane," said a mother to her little boy. "Wouldn't you like to give them something?" "Yes," replied the youngster, "let's give them Aunt Jane."

Two men were discussing a mutual acquaintance. "Nice fellow," said one. "Have you noticed how he always lets his friends pick up the dinner bill?" "Yes," replied the other. "He has a terrible impediment in his speech."

A possibly biased local thinker claims that peace is a period of "flat calm" which holds up the ship of human progress until its sails are once again filled by the fair breeze of war, and it can voyage onward normally, through new waters to its distant goal.

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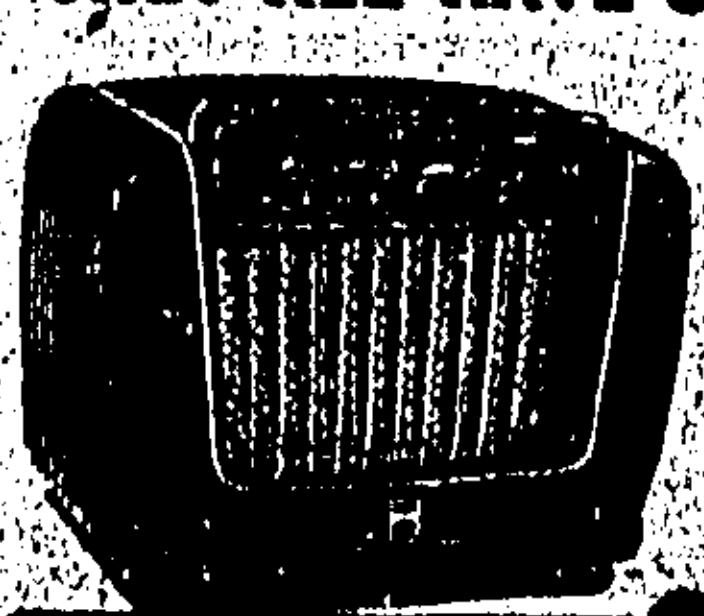
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TALKS ON BRITISH POLICY IN ORIENT

Ernest Bevin's most difficult mission ANTI-COMMUNIST FRONT

London, December 26.

Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, leaves for Ceylon on Tuesday to help formulate the British Commonwealth's policy for keeping 600,000,000 Asians out of the Communist orbit.

Mr. Bevin, according to his aides, regards the mission as his most difficult since he took office five years ago.

Mr. Bevin is making the long trip despite the fact he suffered a mild heart attack on Christmas Eve. He recovered quickly and physicians say he is perfectly well. He has suffered similar attacks in past years.

Working with him will be the Foreign Ministers of Britain's seven Dominion partners, meeting in Colombo on January 9.

Britons regard 1950 as Asia's critical year. They think the events of the coming year will go far toward deciding the political destiny of the thousand million people who live in the direct line of the Asian revolutionary movement, with Red China hovering over Indonesia, India, Ceylon, Burma and Hong Kong. These officials believe the whole seething region will provide the theater for a more intense phase of the East-West "cold war." That struggle has been waged largely in Europe, with Western Europe the prize at stake. But with the portentous victory of Mao Tse-tung's Red armies in China this year, the scene has shifted Eastward.

Mr. Philip C. Jessup, former U. S. State Department Ambassador, left America last week on a fact-finding survey trip to China and the Far East.

Leaders of both the Communist and non-Communist worlds are preparing new moves in the battle for Asia, in the opinion of British experts.

Moscow talks

In Moscow, Mao and his advisers are discussing closer Sino-Soviet political, economic and

BRITISH RAILWAY STRIKE

London, December 26.

A strike by railwaymen disgruntled with their holiday working time-table disrupted service in the Southern region of the British railways today. All suburban trains were cancelled, including 12 specials which were to have carried some 6,000 racing fans to a meeting at Kempton Park.

Hundreds of persons crowded Waterloo Station, terminals of the Southern region. Christmas music was played on the public address system while ticket collectors advised travellers how to reach their destinations by underground or bus.

Long-distance runs to Southampton, Portsmouth and Bournemouth were started after delays up to an hour.

The walk-out involved about 45 of the region's 208 motormen, who objected to working on Boxing Day.—Associated Press.



MR. BEVIN

strategic co-operation with Russian leaders.

A streamlined Sino-Soviet friendship and perhaps military pact is expected to emerge.

And in the West, not only Britain but also the United States and her friends are putting their heads together over what to do next.

The Commonwealth talks are part of the process.

The Colombo conference will deal with economic and financial as well as political matters.

Some main issues: 1. A Japanese peace treaty. Do the Commonwealth nations want a strong or a weak Japan? A strong Japan would imply building that country up as a possible ally against Russia. A weak Japan would suggest that the Commonwealth countries still do not trust their former enemy, that they suspect Japan might turn against the West and link up with Russia.

War debts

2. How to help their friends in Burma, Indo-China and Indonesia to beat down local Communist risings. Not all the Commonwealth countries agree over the situations in these countries. India, for instance, fiercely resists the idea of recognising the Bao Dai regime in Indo-China. Indians regard Bao Dai as a "French puppet" and have told Britain so. Britain, though, feels she cannot let France down by withholding recognition.

3. Action to deal with Britain's \$8,400,000,000 sterling balances (war debts) most of which are held by Asian countries like India. A report by an ABC (American-British-Canadian) expert committee on the subject

is to be discussed. The United States wants Britain to cut and completely freeze these debts to help her earn more dollars. At present the Asian countries are taking their debts out in British trade, which might go for dollar exports. Britain is against cancelling the war debts because she does not want to lose her valuable Asian markets to America. She in turn wants the United States to launch a new "Marshall plan" for Asia by pledging more dollar aid, roughly equal to the amount of the debts.

4. How to turn rising nationalist movements in various parts of Asia against the Communists. British experts think there is a good chance of building a vigorous "Titoism" among the Communist parties of Asia. They cite the situations in China, Burma, Ceylon, Indonesia and Thailand where "pro" and "anti" Stalin elements have been noted among Red insurgents. Socialised national Communism in Asia is believed to predate the Cominform's quarrel with Yugoslavia.

Malaya policy

5. Speed up armed action against the Red-led guerrillas in Britain's Malayan Federation. Britain and India clash over this policy here too. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru has come out more than once in favour of quick and full Malayan freedom. Britain opposed this partly because Malaya is her best dollar earning colony.

Financial experts are due to take a close look at the Commonwealth's dollar position while these political talks are going on. In particular, they are going to try to assess the effects of the 30-per cent cut in the dollar value of the pound.

The Commonwealth countries agreed last autumn to slash their dollar spending programmes one-quarter to help ease their collective dollar shortage. Progress of this programme is going to be looked at.

The price

Many officials privately express the view that the price the Commonwealth may be called on to pay for American aid in Asia will be abandonment of the sterling monetary area. That prospect, they recall, was foreshadowed in the House of Commons a few months ago by Mr. Bevin when he said he dreaded division of the Western world into conflicting economic blocks. Mr. Bevin is known personally to favour development of a common Anglo-American currency. The Treasury, under the Chancellor, Sir Stafford Cripps, opposes the idea.

Other side issues expected to come up at Colombo: The Indian-Pakistan dispute over Kashmir.

Commonwealth objections to what is regarded as Britain's too close association with the Parliament of West Europe.—Associated Press.

Recognition by India in a week

Telph, December 26. It is generally believed among informed circles here that Indian recognition of the Chinese Communist regime will come within a week or so if nothing happens in the meantime to delay it. Under recognition of the Peking government probably will come before Britain will take similar action. There is no doubt that the Chinese Nationalist leaders here will receive such news with extreme dissatisfaction. Some are already fully declaring that recognition of the Peking government will not serve India's purposes.

One authoritative source said he has definite information that India will soon recognise the Chinese Communist regime with the statement "if the Peking government will pledge to honour all existing relations with India, including the Simla Convention of 1914 between China and Britain regarding Tibet." —United Press.

ALL-DAY QUAKE IN JAPAN

Tokyo, December 26.

An all-day series of earthquakes North of Tokyo today caused seven deaths. Damage was widespread but comparatively minor.

Simultaneously, Mount Aso, regarded as the world's largest volcano, erupted on Kyushu Island five miles South West of Tokyo. Great quantities of stone and ashes spewed from the crater.

Earth tremors on Honshu were felt in Tokyo and Japan, an area covering nine prefectures. North of the capital, National police said seven were killed and several injured at Imachi, city of 17,000 population, 85 miles North of Tokyo. Imachi apparently was the center of the disturbance; 85 houses collapsed there and 150 were damaged.

The Imachi railway station collapsed and the rail bed sank on the 20-mile route from Utsumiya to Mikko, forcing travelers to change to the Kanaya Hotel at Nikko. Two freight trains were derailed in the Nikko yards.

In Tokyo, damage was limited to broken dishes.

(Los Angeles said residents of the area South West of that California coastal city were shaken early on Tuesday by a strong earthquake. Damage, however, was inconsequential.)—Associated Press.

LETTER TO MAO

San Francisco, December 26.

More than 500,000 people in the Port Arthur-Dairen area recently wrote a letter to Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese Communist leader, thanking him for "his brilliant leadership which had brought marked betterment of their lives during the past four years." Peking Radio reported tonight.

The letter was written on a huge piece of scarlet silk cloth with 510,000 signatures. Thousands of those who signed were formerly workers who could neither read nor write. They learnt to do both in the course of the present Communist literacy drive, the Radio said.—Reuter.

MOTHER DIES AT SON'S GRAVE

Namur, December 26.

Mme. Charoux de Laroche, a war-shattered town in the Ardennes, today was found dead lying across the tomb of her young son who was killed in the Rundstedt Christmas offensive in 1944.

She died a natural death after having decorated her son's grave with a Christmas offering of flowers.—Reuter.

Mao expected to sign pact with Soviet Russia

Moscow, December 27.

Talks are expected to begin soon between Mao Tse-tung, Chinese Communist leader now visiting here, and the Soviets in connection with a treaty of friendship and alliance.

Preliminary discussions on such a treaty are believed to have started already. Any alliance drawn up can be signed in Moscow but, before it becomes operative, would have to be ratified.

However, ratification is considered a foregone conclusion, since it is known that both sides desire such an agreement. Several highly-placed diplomats in Moscow are surprised at suggestions abroad that there is not perfect harmony between the Russians and Mao. These diplomats believe just the opposite to be true—that things are very much in harmony.

(One recent report from Washington said high American officials are convinced that a split in developing between Communist China and Moscow over control of Manchuria. These officials believe the Manchurian question is probably an issue in the current Moscow talks between Stalin and Mao.)

Diplomats in the Russian capital believe Mao's visit will strengthen friendship between the Chinese Communist leader and Soviet leaders. Anything other than this development would come as a great surprise to the diplomats, and they will lay you considerable odds that no such thing is in prospect.

Mao's first statements when he arrived here should not be forgotten. He began by describing the Soviet Union as the "first great Socialist state in the world."

He talked of the brotherly friendship extended by the Russians to the Chinese people for almost 30 years, adding that this will "never be forgotten."

He concluded his remarks with "long live friendship and collaboration between China and the Soviet Union."

At the Bolshoi Theater ceremonies honouring Stalin on his 70th Birthday, Mao sat on the tribune next to Stalin and on the Prime Minister's right. They talked to one another in most friendly exchanges during the meeting.

Mao was the first of the foreign guests to pay tribute to Stalin. He received an ovation when he was introduced, and when he had concluded, Stalin personally joined in both ovations.

When a reception was held in the Kremlin the following night

honouring Stalin's Birthday, Mao was the first foreigner to be introduced and received tremendous applause. He sat next to Stalin.

Soviet Professor Stoletov recently returned from a visit to China. Writing in "Red Star," organ of the Russian Army, he said in part "When our delegation was at a frontier station (between) Manchuria and the USSR, the first thing that leapt to the eye was the slogan 'We shall learn from the Soviet Union.'"

Professor Stoletov said he had read this same slogan all through Manchuria and down into Shanghai. He continued "Many indelible impressions are left from our visit to the new China. The strongest impression is the keen feeling of infinite love and respect for our country and for the great Stalin by the Chinese people."

Mao Tse-tung's visit to Moscow and his meeting with Stalin has been hailed throughout Communist China as events bringing "joy" to wide sections of the people, Peking Radio said tonight.

It added that the visit was the most discussed topic in factories, shops, barracks, and universities in the Communist capital.

To mark what was described as the "historic meeting" between Mao and Stalin, workers had pledged to redouble their efforts in production, the Radio further said.

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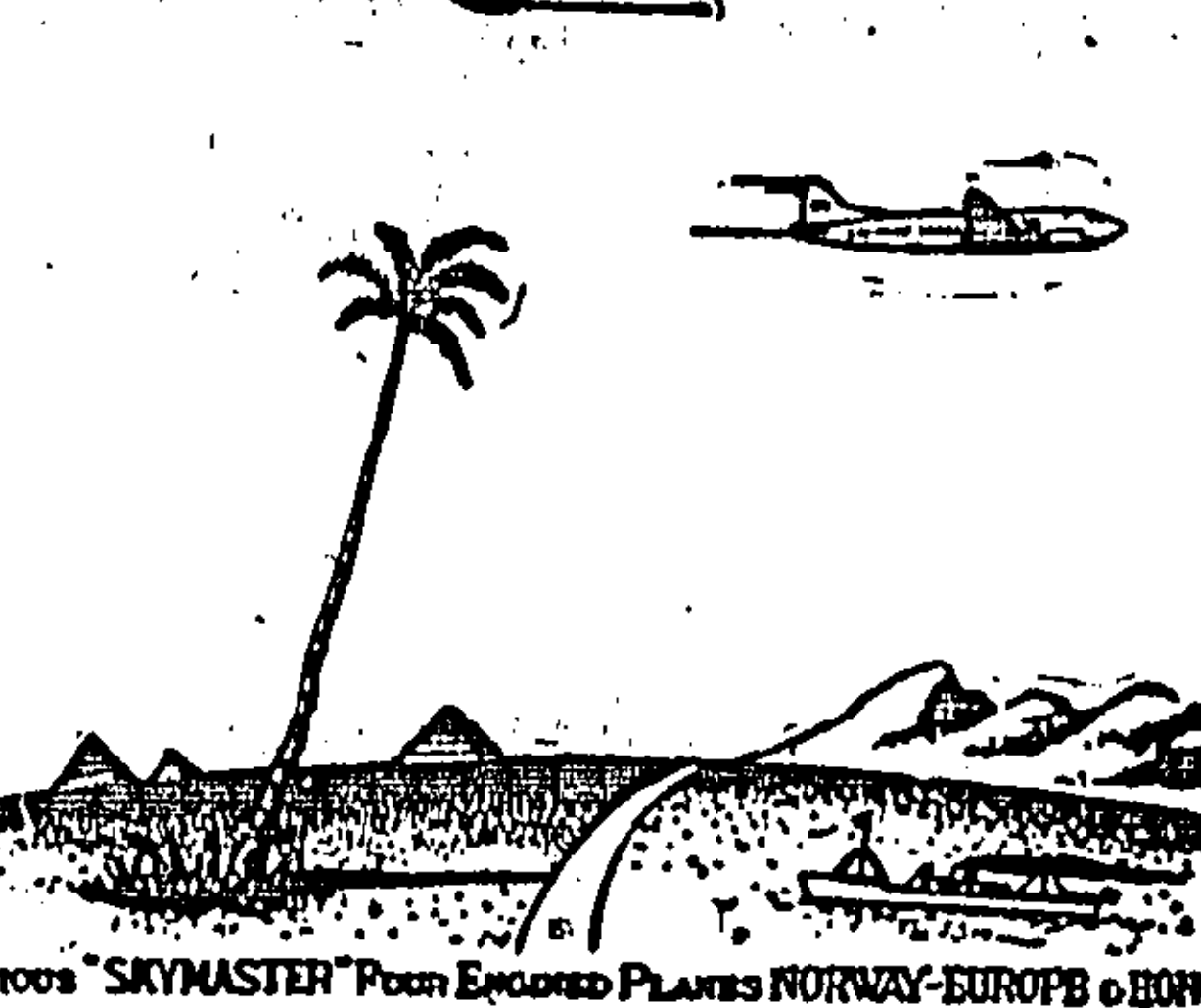
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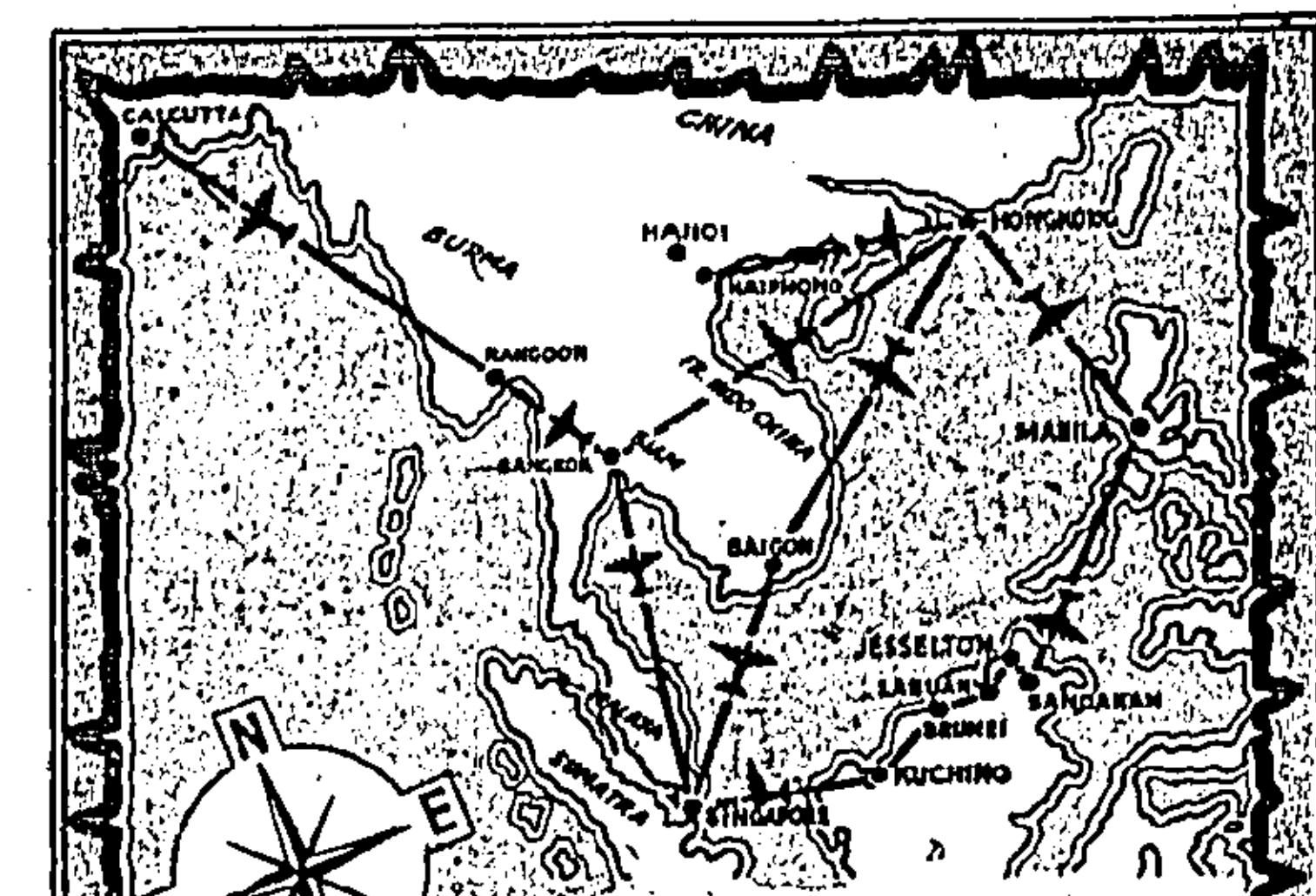
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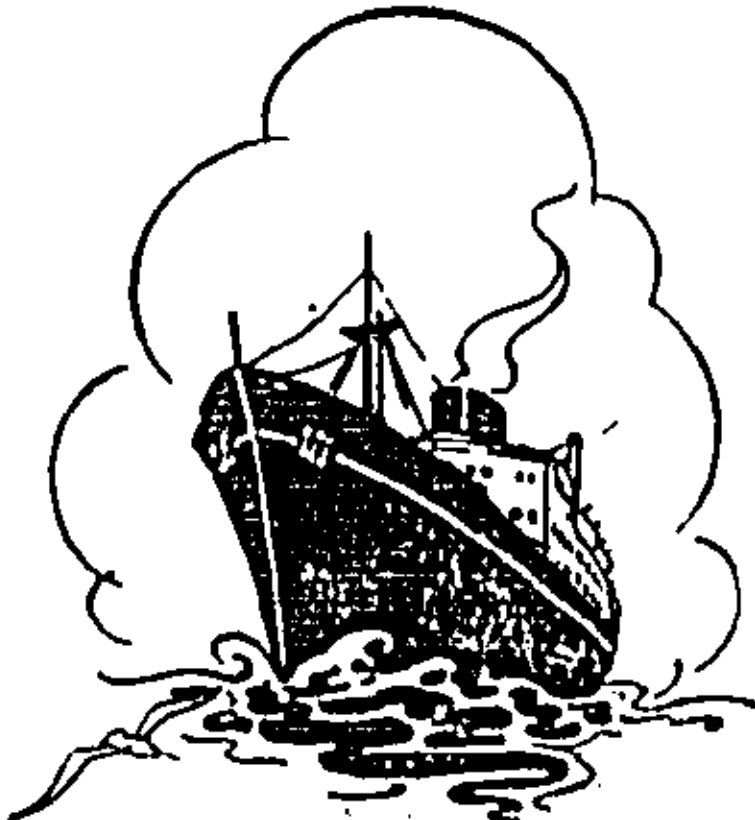


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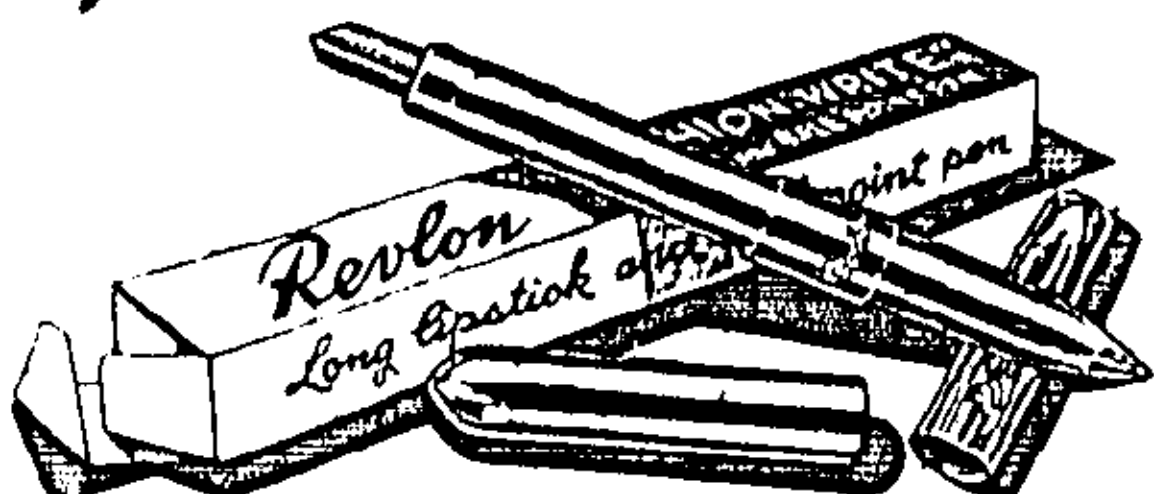
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Woman Today

Women occupying top posts in United Nations

By Lisa Sergio

The struggle to achieve security and peace for mankind which, not too successfully, has involved peoples, governments, individuals and ideologies ever since the war came to an end four years ago, has caused at least two highly significant facts concerning women to emerge into view.

One of these facts is that, in the industrialised society in which we of the modern world now live, woman is spared none of the hardships and costs of warfare and is affected as directly as man by the moral, social and economic unrest prevailing in the world today.

The more perceptive and progressive men in public office, therefore, no longer ignore or discount the importance of woman as a weighty factor in public opinion and at the polls. On their part, women have come to realise that they must secure policy-making posts themselves in order to share the power and responsibility to make or prevent war and to chart the course ahead. In the last four years, while progress has not been spectacular, it has been encouraging as well as indicative of how much more women can do along these lines and of how to do it.

The United Nations, as a young organisation, is facing a number of new and unprecedented problems in establishing its own staff. Changes and revisions involving the opening up of new positions and the elimination of others that have failed to prove their utility are occurring all the time.

Statistics concerning the appointment and employment of women are therefore bound to be inaccurate as of any one moment and likewise, opportunities for women in UN are constantly changing.

In general, it can be stated that the UN is chiefly concerned with the qualifications of the individuals it appoints, rather than with their sex. The UN must also comply with certain other requirements, such as the geographical distribution of about 1,000 of its secretariat positions, and the fact that the financial contribution made by each member state to the support of the UN has considerable bearing on the matter of positions open to its nationals.

Highest post ever

Today the highest ranking woman member of the UN Secretariat is Mrs. Alva Myrdal of Sweden, principal director of the Department of Social Affairs, perhaps the highest post in international Civil Service ever held by a woman.

This department is responsible for UN programmes in such significant fields as human rights, freedom of information and of the press, migration and population, penal questions and the control of narcotic drugs. Mrs. Myrdal, who is universally known as a sociologist, writer and educator, has brought to her post exceptionally high qualifications and a varied background of practical experience in fields which now come into the official province.

A vivacious blonde mother of three children, wife of a man who himself enjoys international fame, Dr. Gunnar Myrdal executive secretary to the UN Economic Commission for Europe, she claims to have found the raising of a family particularly useful in her pioneer work to develop a theory of social policy which lays emphasis on the family. The success of her pioneering is shown by the advanced social service programme, of Sweden, which is considered one of the best in the world.

Mrs. Myrdal graduated from the University of Stockholm in 1924, studied at American universities in 1929 and 1930 as a fellow

of the Rockefeller Foundation, and later in Geneva, Switzerland. Founder of the Training College for Post-School Teachers organised by the Swedish Co-operative Housing Society, she served as its director from 1936 to 1948.

Simultaneously she made major contributions to social progress in her country by serving on commissions concerned with child care, population problems, the training of the handicapped and educational reforms. Her work in aid of refugees gave her a personal understanding of social and human problems created by war and her direct contact with international groups was greatly enhanced by appointments to represent the Swedish Government at a number of international conferences.

Mrs. Myrdal was vice president of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women for nine years and held positions of leadership with women's labour groups and university women's associations in Sweden.

While it is not easy to find many women with qualifications comparable to those which Mrs. Alva Myrdal could offer, it is nevertheless true that more women should direct their efforts and their work towards securing international posts which will give them as much weight in the shaping of policy as Mrs. Myrdal's present high position in the Secretariat of the United Nations unquestionably affords to her.

Role in assembly

In the General Assembly the role of women is becoming increasingly significant. It could become equally important in the various councils, commissions and committees to which appointments are made not by the UN, but by member states.

Women having the prestige and outstanding qualifications of some of those who are holding, or have held, positions of importance in UN—as, for example, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt of the United States, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit of India, Mrs. L. J. Roberts of New Zealand, Mrs. S. T. Hussain of Pakistan, Mrs. Bodil Begtrup of Denmark, Mrs. Margie Klompke of the Netherlands, Margaret Bowle of Great Britain, Mrs. Marie Helene Lefebvre of France—can be immensely influential and effective.

In order to see more women gain such appointments from their respective governments, it is necessary for women's organisations, to study the particular attitudes and conditions existing within each nation and to help and support their fellow countrywomen to meet specific requirements.

The road to policy-making posts is neither short nor easy. Women have already travelled a good part of it. They can make further progress by directing attention on the one hand toward increasing the opportunities for training and experience open to women in each country, and, on the other, towards keeping close watch on vacancies in the various departments, agencies and branches of the United Nations in order to be able to suggest highly qualified women to fill them.

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The back of your head

By Sarah Langton

I have become a hair-watcher! And all because a friend revisiting England after an absence of 12 years said to me in Oxford Street: "What a lot of 'Tatty Titties' we women are!"

So there in front of us was a woman dressed to look like a million dollars—the front view was stupendous—but she spoiled it all by letting her hair straggle like an unweeded garden at the back.

So I looked some more. And Oxford-street appeared to be thronged with women with unkempt backs to their heads, long wisps were blown by the wind, nape hair-lines looked like temperature graphs, page-boy bobs

overlapped their fashionable built-up collars, and shoulders were smothered in loose hairs.

But the last straw came when we took a bus and watched a woman in front of us fiddle with the ragged ends of her hair for at least 20 minutes.

Something, I thought, must be done. So I went along to see hair-stylist Alfonso and begged him for a remedy. The hair should be cut about 1½ inches long, he told me. And it must follow the shape of the head.

As the "perm" has a shorter life at the back of the head it must be waved there more frequently.

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Successful women

There are few women directors and producers in Britain's film world. Two women who have succeeded, nevertheless, in obtaining such posts of which there is almost a masculine monopoly, are Freda Stock and Marjorie Deans.

Freda is producing and Marjorie directing a romantic comedy of life on the River Thames called "The Girl is Mine" for distribution by Korda's British Lion Company. Miss Stock was once a script-writer for Gaumont British and Miss Deans was formerly assistant to producer Gabriel Pascal.

Asked why there were so few women directors and producers, Miss Deans said that both jobs were strenuous and one needed to be strong to stand up to them. She and Miss Stock are planning a series of pictures, but they do not wish them to be considered as "women's pictures" because "they want men to like them too." They are enthusiastic about the work of the feminine star who appears in their first one. She is a 23-year-old recruit from television named Pamela Deeming.



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Chen Yi paints bright picture of Shanghai

San Francisco, December 27.

Economic conditions in Shanghai have taken a turn for the better, a Chinese Communist broadcast said tonight.

It quoted Shanghai's Mayor, Chen Yi, as describing this and other favourable facts as indicating that "the enemy blockade and bombardment could not in the least intimidate the people of Shanghai".

The improvement in the economic conditions had come about through "complicated and devious struggles", the Mayor said, adding that receipts by the Municipal Treasury had increased. He further said that construction work in the city had begun.

The Mayor gave these details to a recent meeting of people representing all walks of life in Shanghai.

This conference, which ended recently, also reviewed what the broadcast called "the conversion of Shanghai's economy from a colonial economy under foreign imperialist and domestic bureaucratic capitalist exploitation into an economy that stands on its own feet and serves the people."

Presenting a financial and economic report, the Vice-Mayor of the city, Teng Shung, said that the People's currency had "built up its prestige" among the population and had become an important condition for developing production and stabilising the people's livelihood.

To help the people, the Government had spent much money in exchanging Communist dollars for Nationalist Gold Yuan notes in use before Shanghai was occupied. The Government had also subsidised savings in terms of commodity units. The purpose

being to safeguard the livelihood of workers and employers and their dependents.

Trade revival

The report said that as a result of trade revival between Shanghai and the countryside and the readjustment of supply and demand, the Government had solved the problem of such shortages as coal, rice and cotton, and a sufficient quantity of these commodities were in stock to meet needs.

In mid-October, the broadcast said, the State-operated Trading Company in Shanghai had sold every day about 10,000 bolts of cloth.

The effect of this was to absorb some one billion Communist dollars daily, stabilisation of prices following.

The report continued, "Industry and commerce in Shanghai are gradually moving towards stability and growth as a result of the equitable settlement of labour disputes, the Government purchase of finished products, the supply of raw materials, the increase of industrial loans and the improvement of transportation conditions."

"Ninety per cent of the industrial enterprises taken over by the People's Government have resumed production and their output is steadily rising. The September output of cotton yarn and cloth, for instance, was about 50 per cent above that of May."

Following the opening of markets along the North China railway lines and the Yangtze River, more and more Shanghai factories have resumed operation. The ship-building industry, for instance, was unable to cope with the orders, even with all shipyards working full time.

The future

"The favourable turn in industrial production brought better business to commerce and banks. For instance, the September turnover of the companies Wing On, Sincere's, The Sun, doubled the average turn-over in July and August."

"The changing of gold and silver ornaments shops to other business and the decline of luxury trade were good signs in economic reform."

"The expenditure of the Municipal Treasury demonstrated the principle 'From the people and for the people' of the People's Government. For example, more than 27 per cent of the total expenditure on public health occupied third place."

Outlining what would be done in the future in Shanghai, the Vice-Mayor's report said that efforts would be concentrated on the direction of idle capital into investment for production, transportation, communications and other constructive enterprises, the further strengthening of mutual aid between city and countryside, the promotion of the import and export trade, increasing transportation efficiency and the adjustment of taxation.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS GIVING TECHNICAL HELP TO RED CHINA

(By CHANG KUO-SIN)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a series of three articles by United Press correspondent Chang Kuo-sin who has arrived in Hong Kong after eight months under the Chinese Communists and an overland trip through the hinterland, during which he had an incomparable opportunity to study the Chinese Communist experiment at first hand. It is believed that this is the first series of dispatches about the Chinese Communists as seen through Chinese eyes.)

Soviet Russian military and technical advisors are being despatched by the hundreds to Red China to help the Chinese Communists sovietise their country and assist in its incorporation into the Soviet military strategy.

Soviet advisers are helping to plot the invasion of Taiwan, which will be launched in summer at the latest with land, sea and air forces, according to authoritative Communist informants.

It is estimated that the Chinese Communists will be able to muster at least 100 fighting planes and 30 warships for the invasion of this last Nationalist stronghold.

General Chen Yi, mayor of Shanghai, whose Third Field Army has been given the task of invading the island, is at present marshalling a picked force of 180,000 men for this three-dimensional operation. This task force is concentrated around Shanghai and along the Chekiang coast, undergoing special amphibious training.

One important part of the training programme is making the soldiers into good sailors. About 30 miles North of Shanghai, the Chinese Communists have erected an ingenious device consisting of nets supported upon high poles. Small groups of soldiers climb into the nets which are then rocked like a ship in order to accustom them to the sea motion.

Soviet instructors are also helping to train Chinese Communist pilots and naval crews in Manchuria according to informants.

These sources said that about 20 Russian shipbuilders arrived in Shanghai last month to work in the Kiangnan Dockyards. Following the arrival of the Russians, several Americans employed by the dockyards, which were formerly operated under the Economic Co-operation Administration, were told to hand in their resignations.

Mission in Canton

A Russian-language nurses' training school has been established inside Shanghai in order to train Chinese personnel for service with the Soviet military missions.

There are a number of such missions all over China, including at least one unit which is aiming strategic areas. This unit is accompanied by specially indoctrinated Chinese officers, whose task it is to familiarise the Russians with China's defence problems.

Most of the Soviet officers are at present stationed in Manchuria which has presumably been turned into a laboratory for testing the introduction of Soviet Communism into China. Soviet missions are, however, also encountered in Shanghai and as far South as Canton.

Although there has never been any evidence of direct material Soviet aid to the Chinese Communists, Manchurian observers believe that the Russians have supplied their Chinese allies with Japanese arms and replacement parts, made with the Japanese machinery which the Russians

Explosion on star seen

Mount Hamilton, December 26.

Observatory astronomers today reported the comparatively rare sight of an actual explosion on a star.

The husband and wife team of Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Kron of the University of California staff said they saw the explosion, which covered an area of about 8,000 miles and caused a temperature increase of 15,000 degrees.

Astronomers reported that such explosions were recorded only photographically and records indicated they have been seen by human eyes only four other times.

The Kron's saw the explosion while watching the star through the Observatory's 36-inch telescope. They said the star had a diameter 60 times that of Earth.—United Press.

TAIWAN DEFENCE MEASURES

Manila, December 26.

General Wu Te-chen, former Mayor of Shanghai and at present Minister without Portfolio in the Chinese Nationalist Government, said the 7,000,000 population of Taiwan has been "mobilised" to aid the Nationalist Army in defence against Communist invasion.

General Wu vehemently denied reports that Taiwanese are in a state of near-rebellion, calling them "malicious and untrue." He said the Taiwanese have been given a larger share in the government under the administration of Mr. K. C. Wu and are co-operating with the Nationalists.

General Wu and six other aides of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek came here in a Chinese Air Force plane en route to Batavia to extend the greetings of the Nationalists to the new Republic of Indonesia at tomorrow's ceremonies.

General Wu declared the Nationalists still have support on the mainland and will continue to wage guerrilla warfare there while defending Taiwan "indefinitely." He said the Nationalist Army has been reorganised and will be able to hold the island "with or without outside aid."

General Wu refused to comment on recent reports that many Chinese in the Philippines have turned sympathetic to the Chinese Communist regime, saying such matters are not within the scope of his present duties.—Associated Press.

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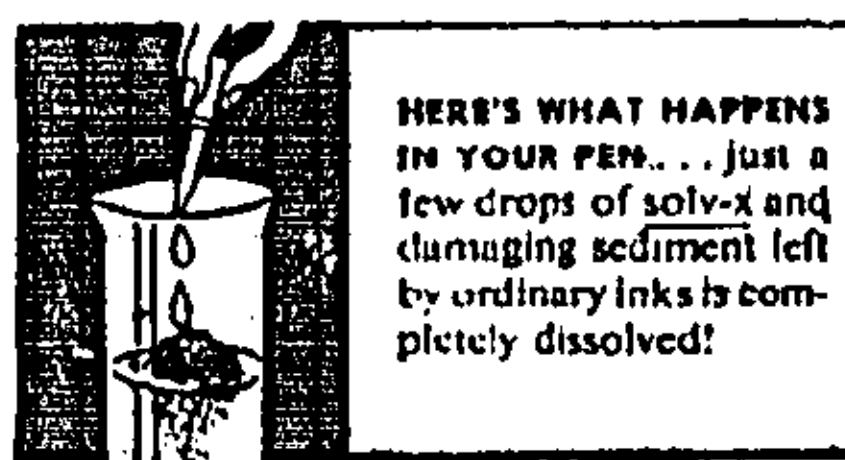
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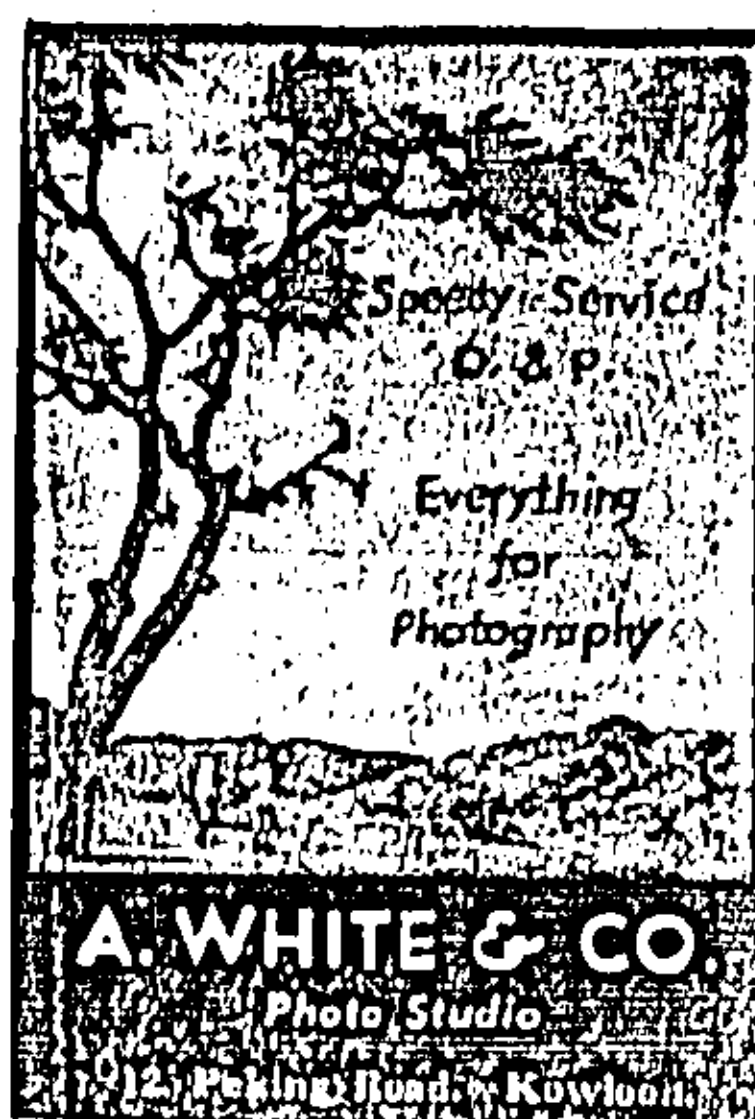
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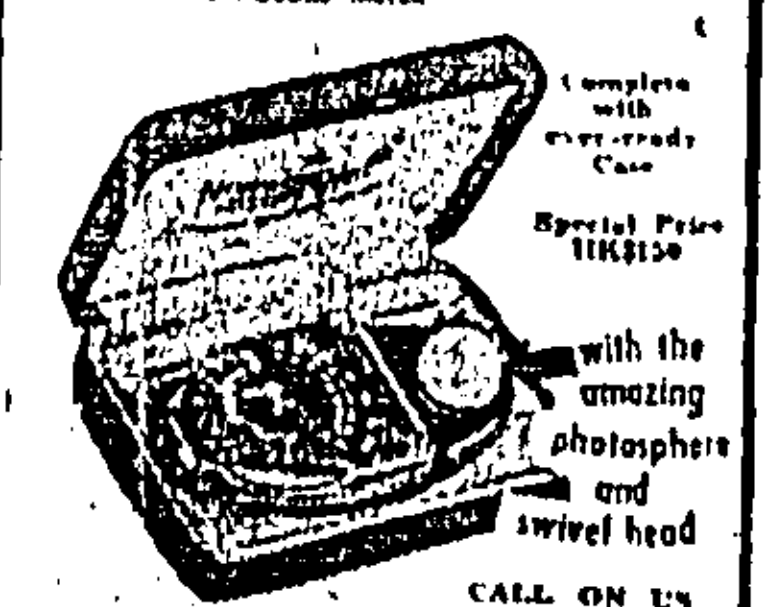


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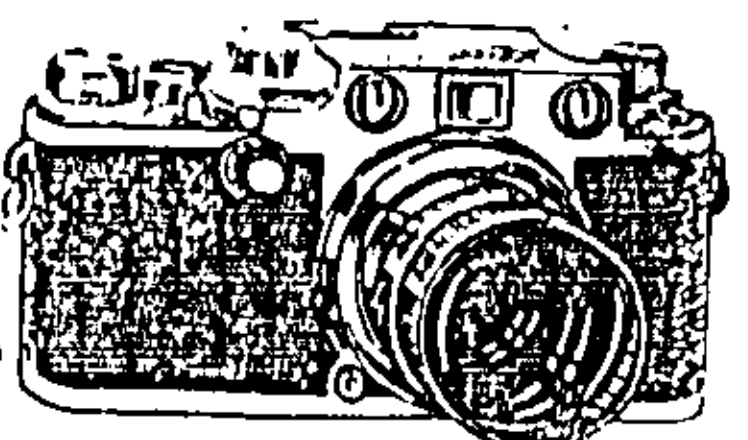
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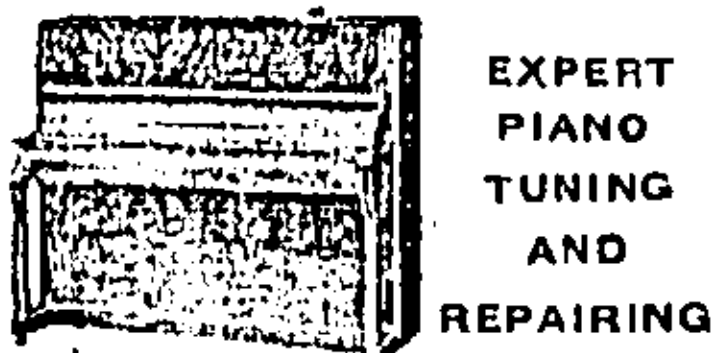
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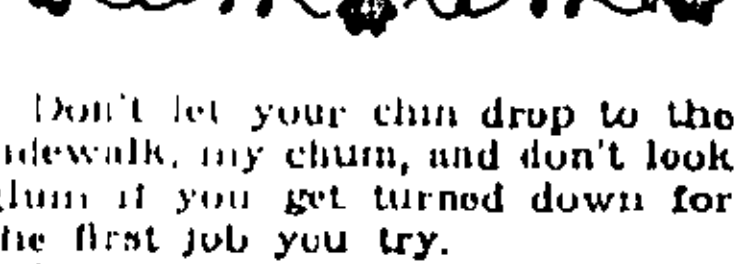
How to apply for a job

By Betty Betz



Ten years from now, no doubt you'll burst your sides laughing
about the first job you landed, and the way you went about it.
Those stories of our early career days are always screamingly
funny as time goes by, but at the time you're landing them and
beating your feet on the hard, hot pavement, life can seem pretty
grim.

When you set out in search of your first job, whether it's
part time or steady, you feel that your stomach is turning flip-flops
inside.



A neatly typed letter from you,
accompanied by a brief outline of
your experience, if you've had
any, or a note of introduction
from someone known to the com-
pany, is the easiest way of getting
in solid from the start.

Business people are generally
too busy to decipher handwriting
so send a typed note. Choose
plain, white stationery, even
though it may not express your
own personality.

What should you put in a letter
asking for a job? It's best to
build your letter around three
main ideas. What you'd like to
do for the company, why you
think you can do it (including
your experience listed to date, if
any, plus your school record) and
the request for a personal inter-
view to discuss the job more
fully.

Try to be as natural in your
letter as you would be in con-
versation, omitting any wisecracks
or slang, of course. Be sure that
your grammar is correct and
spelling is perfect, especially the
name of the person to whom the
letter is addressed.

Make it as easy as possible for
the company to get in touch
with you, giving your full address,
telephone number, and the hours
you're most likely to be at home.

Use newspaper ads

One of the favourite methods
with beginners for finding job
leads is the newspaper want ads.
They appear in almost all daily
and Sunday editions.

If the want ads don't work out
(and remember that hordes of job
seekers read them every day)
there are many other methods
that produce results. Keep in
mind that you've got to sell your-
self, and no one will give you a
job simply because they feel sorry
for you. Make a list of the places
you think might be able to use
your help and then telephone to
find out the name of the person
who does the hiring—and be sure
to get the correct spelling!



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Platter chatter

Advance copies of several new
records reached me just before
press time and, after only one
hearing, I recommend without
the slightest hesitation three
numbers as being absolutely
tops:

Why Was I Born—Vic Damone
(Mercury).

Dear Hearts and Gentle People—
Dinah Shore (Columbia).
That Lucky Old Sun—Frankie
Laine (Mercury). Both Damone
and Laine sing it out with good
voice, superb control and phras-
ing.

Twenty-one year old Damone
is, in my opinion, the young singer
who will move furthest in the
coming year.

With his last three releases,
Vic made two hits My Bohemian
and You're Breaking My Heart.
The third, Why Was I Born is a
potential number one song.

Remember the name, Vic
Damone, and watch him climb.
Frankie Laine is also a much
improved singer and has the rare
distinction of taking first place
twice with his last two discs
I'm Lucky Old Sun has been
a hit down to the number two

spot to make way for his Mule
Train.

Dear Hearts and Gentle People
is a lovely melody and Dinah
Shore's best since Forever and
Ever. It is a quietly bouncy
number close to the pattern of
Powder Your Face with Sunshine.

Mule Train

The first Mule Train to arrive
is by Capitol's Tennessee Ernie
which is a novelty number. The
amazing thing about this is that
the lyrics contain only two
words.

Do not be put off by this as it
is a catch number in clippety-
clap tempo and just the thing for
Bing Crosby and Frankie Laine.
Slipping Around by Jimmy
Wakely and Margaret Whiting
(Capitol), deserves mention. A
catchy number, Margaret has
rarely been in better voice.
Sinatra's fans will swoon over
his Don't Cry Joe, Let Her Go,
Let Her Go, (Columbia). Lili
Marlene gets married on the
other side.

A favourite ballad of a quar-
ter century ago, So Blue, is sung
by Art Lund (M.G.M.).
The Wren.

PERSONALITY

To "Lull" Pereira, a pretty teen
ager from Shanghai, the world of
fashion is just about the most
heavenly thing on earth. Lull is
so interested in what she and
other people wear, that she has
decided to devote the rest of her
life "as much of it as I have for
myself, that is," she says, to
creating styles and modes. Lull
designs all her clothing and is at
present studying the art of dress
making.

The editor talking

Born in Shanghai on April 23,
17 years ago, Lull attended a
number of schools in the Northern
metropolis and in Hong Kong.
This is her second visit to the
Colony. Lull first came here in
1937 when the Sino-Japanese war
began. This time, she says, the
Chinese Civil War is the reason
for her visit here.

Lull finished schooling in
Shanghai last year while attend-
ing the Convent in Santa Sophia.
She has been busy with fashions
since. Lull hopes someday to go
to Paris and Italy. She also likes
to paint.

Musically, our personality girl
is the classic follower but she is
liberal enough to accept the
strains of "reasonable jazz." Like
all teen agers—or at least most
of them—Lull enjoys a dancing
session he it a formal affair or
merely an impromptu get-
together.

She is also a little of the
outdoor type and enjoys good pic-
nic or a pleasant hike. Lull, in
sports, is primarily a spectator
although she likes hockey enough
to accept a game whenever she
has a chance.

Our teen age friend
is altogether a pretty and charm-
ing, young lady, completely un-
affected and friendly. Her mes-
sage is "A Merry Christmas to
all."

Another year is quickly pass-
ing by. One which to many of
us, has been a happy one. And
which to some, has not been as
happy, as they had hoped, and
who are therefore glad it is over.
Nothing like starting all over
again. And what can be a better
time than a new year to plan to-
wards the mastering of some pre-
viously unsuccessful attempts.

In this column last year at
about this time (yes, we are a
year old now), we spoke on re-
solutions. We cannot better our-
selves in any way unless we
resolve to better our own short-
comings. No person is perfect.
And very few attain even a
nearness to moral, spiritual or in-
tellectual perfection. But on the
way to it, we do improve and
better ourselves. Every sincere
effort taken and strength put to
overcome a fault in our character,
an obstacle to our ambition, has
its reward.

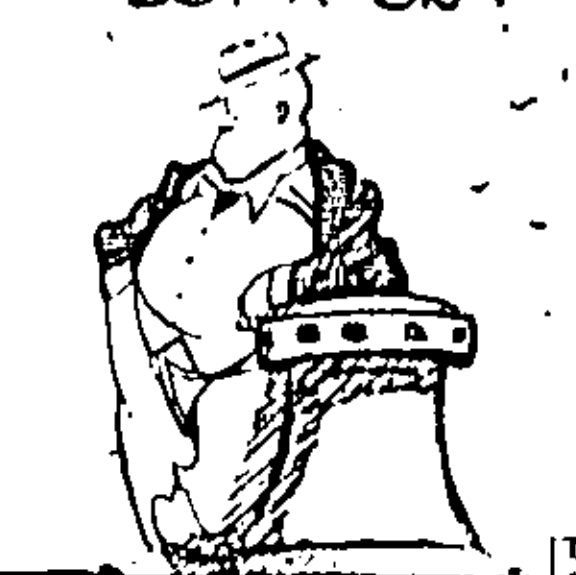
A new year, like a new morn-
ing, opens up the door to a new
day, a new year, letting a new
light in and a new hope. To teen
agers especially those of us with
ambitions and the irreplaceable
vigour of youth, the new year is
our opportunity.

POP

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COSTUME ANYWHERE!



BUT HAVEN'T YOU
GOT IT ON?

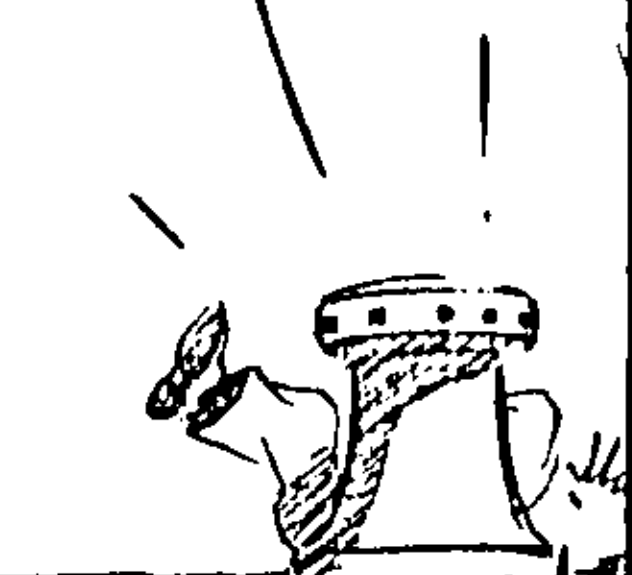


THAT'S AN IDEA—WILL
GO AND TAKE A LOOK



Beachy head?

I CAN'T FIND MY
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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



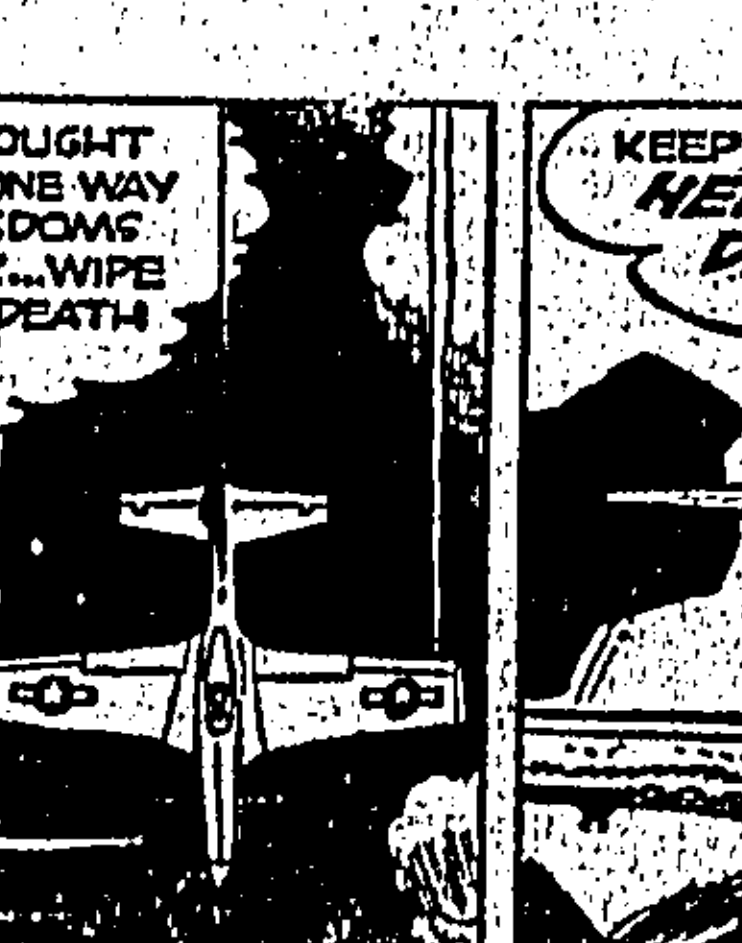
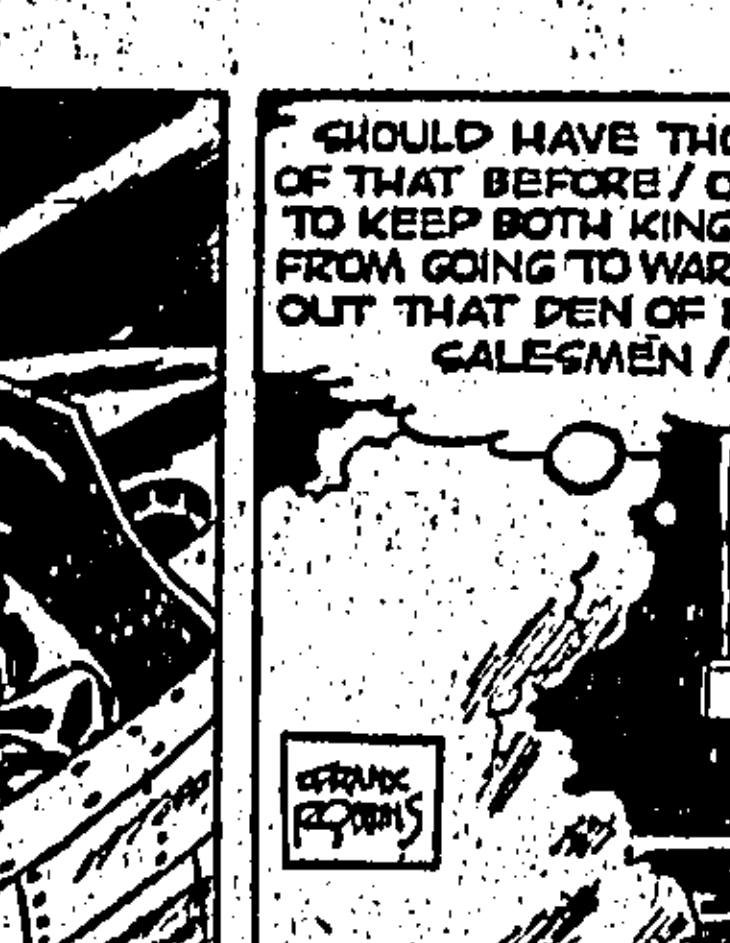
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1.25—Interlude
1.30—Carol Symphony—London Radio Orchestra (BBC)

2.00—Close Down
6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary

6.45—"Handicap"—BBC Variety Orchestra Conducted by Joe Jenkins

7.15—"The Merry Lullaby" Quartet (Radio)

7.45—"World News and News Analysis" (London Relay)

7.55—"Much Binding in the March"—A Variety Programme with Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne (BBC)

8.15—"Generally Speaking"—Three Journeys by Peter Fleming No. 1

8.30—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)

8.45—"Round About"—A Variety Request Programme Presented by Dawson (Radio)

9.15—"Reveries"—Concert by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (Radio)

9.45—"Close Down" (Radio)

10.15—"Radio News Reel" (London Relay)

10.45—"French Concert"
10.55—"Piano Recital by Horowitz"

11.05—"Latin American Music"
11.15—"Weather Report, World and Home News from Britain" (Recorded)

11.45—"Close Down" (Radio)

Chinese ship arriving from Taiwan

A Chinese freighter, the ss. Hwa Sung, is due to enter port today or tomorrow from Keelung with a few hundred tons of firewood, originally taken to Taiwan by the ss. Hai Tien from the Straits.

The cargo was transhipped at Keelung from the Hai Tien, which was recalled from Hong Kong a few hours after her arrival here, before she could discharge her cargo, including 2,000 tons of coal for the (Hong Kong Gas Company).

The China Merchants Steamship Navigation Company, owners of the freighter, explained that she was ordered to Taiwan to make a special Government trip to Japan.

The coal and a few hundred tons of firewood were brought to the Colony by another Chinese ship, Lee Chi, early this month. The Hwa Sung, which is nearing local waters, is carrying the remaining firewood.

The cargo is meant for several Chinese firms in the Colony.

SHIP AGROUND

Manila, December 27.
Tugs are on the way from Manila to pull the 3,700 freighter Silverwalnut off Royal Captain Shoal, 40 miles West of Southern Palawan.

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Fire in blockade runner at Taku Bar

Half an hour before the British blockade runner Hupoh was due to leave Taku Bar for the Colony with some 600 tons of cargo and 130 passengers, a fire broke out in her lower 'tween deck, which subsequently delayed her departure for nearly three days.

The hatches and ventilators were battened down for 24 hours, while steam was injected and sea water poured into the hold to extinguish the outbreak.

Part of the cargo, stored in the hold, consisting of valuable Tientsin carpets, Chinese medicines and vermicelli, was damaged by steam and water. Damage by the fire has yet to be estimated by the insurance authorities here.

No one was injured during the initial attempt to discover the source of the fire.

The Hupoh arrived here on Monday. An officer, recalling the incident, said that stevedoring coolies saw smoke emanating from the No. 2 hold at about 6 a.m. on December 18, while the last few bales of cargo were being loaded aboard. Everything was prepared to chat away.

Fire discovered

"We were due to leave port at about 6.30 a.m. that day," the Chief Officer recalled. "I found out the source. But after descending six feet into the hold, dense smoke overcame him and he had to hurry out," the officer said. When it was found that it would be futile to trace the source, the hatches and ventilators were battened down to keep the hold air-

tight. Steam was injected. Hoses poured sea water into the smoking hold.

On the following morning, the hatches were opened. There was no more smoke.

"We could not say when the fire died down," he added. During the incident, a lighter was standing by to provide transportation in the event of an explosion as a result of the outbreak.

"The passengers were very calm and took it very well," the officer declared. He added that the Chinese crew behaved very seamantlike.

The hold has no electrical wiring. Illumination was provided by electric lamps on the deck. There were no dangerous goods in the hold nor was there combustible articles.

The officer believed that a coalie must have discarded his cigarette carelessly.

The Communist port authorities sent a tug, with some men aboard who carried axes and poles. There was no hose aboard the fire tug. They did nothing.

The Hupoh left Tientsin waters on December 21.

Shanghai seamen maintain picket line

Christmas for most people in the Colony was an enjoyable one but not to the 61 members of the crew of the ss. Teh Hu who formed the picket outside the residence of Ng Chung-ah, manager of the Teh Wu Shipping Company of Shanghai.

To them it was cold and dreary and the same as the rest of the 17 days they have been spending on the vessel on picket at King Kwong Street.

The men are in the 10th day of their vigil outside the residence. They had been discharged from the vessel on November 17 and were offered 17 days' pay and a passage back to Tientsin.

They claimed that the Company owed them two months' pay each and a return passage to Shanghai.

Ng Chung-ah left his residence abruptly after the first day of the "siege" and has not been seen by the seamen since.

Originally there were 64 men in the picket but three of them have been taken sick through exposure to the cold and rain and have returned to the ship. The remaining 61 yesterday expressed determination to "stick it out" until they could either see Ng or his representative.

Given help

Throughout the whole time spent at King Kwong Road, the men have been receiving donations of money and food from various sympathetic workers' unions in the Colony.

The spokesman said yesterday that the men were very grateful to all those who have aided them in their cause.

The men have two meals of rice and vegetables each day. They sleep on the pavements at night and have brought several tarpaulins from the ship to keep off the rain on wet days and nights.

The men said yesterday that their families did not as yet know of their plight in Hong Kong. They have received letters from their families in Shanghai asking for money. The men have written letters home but no replies have been received.

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8.45—A Programme for Women.
9.00—Morning Music.
9.30—Concert & Keyboard.
10.00—Music For All.
11.00—Ariane Melodie.
11.30—Parade of Rhythm.
P.M.
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.15—Tune Time.
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1.00—Hawaiian Music.
1.15—News.
1.30—"London Studio Concert".
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4.00—Hills Bryant and His Wildcats.
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4.30—Vocally Yours.
4.45—Music Makers.
5.15—Children's Corner.
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6.45—Do You Remember?
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9.15—Local News.
9.30—"Blue Rhyth".
9.45—"Musical Comedy Theatre".
10.00—Down Harmony Lane.
10.15—"Christmas Eve".
11.15—H.K.C. Midland Light Orchestra.
11.45—Standard.
12.00—Close Down.

River ship returns from Kongmoon

The first river steamer to run the Nationalist sea blockade of the West River estuary returned to Hong Kong on Monday evening with 200 passengers and foodstuffs and livestock from Kongmoon.

Under cover of darkness, the Chinese river steamer Wen Hsing evaded Nationalist gunboats at the approaches of the river and made the trip without incident.

Personnel of the Wen Hsing declined to discuss their voyage, declaring "It is dangerous to talk about such matters at present."

The vessel arrived at Kongmoon, West River port from where the Colony obtains fresh vegetables and livestock in considerable quantities, with about 100 passengers, on Christmas Eve.

She discharged her few hundred piculs of local cargo and the passengers immediately. Some 200 passengers boarded the Wen Hsing through the night, while cargo was loaded at the same time.

The vessel cleared port at dawn for the Colony on Christmas Day. She sailed out of the West River under cover of the misty darkness.

None of the crew went ashore during the brief stay at Kongmoon. A seaman said that he noticed several motor junks in port. The Wen Hsing was the only large vessel there.

The Customs search was as usual, he said. There was no hint. He recalled recognizing certain familiar faces. "Probably, old staff," he added.

The Wen Hsing will be sailing for Kongmoon again today or tomorrow. It was learned reliably last evening.

House-boy on larceny charge

Alleged to have stolen HK\$3.50 worth of goods belonging to his employer, C. G. Jack of 3, Island Road, on Christmas Day, Lew Tak, aged 35, house-boy appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central on Monday. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and was remanded two days in Police custody.

The goods alleged to have been stolen were a tin of wax polish, three bottles of dry ginger and three bottles of Coca Cola.

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